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DR. W. W. HAMILTON

THINGS TO REMEMBER

By Frank Tripp, General Leader,
Baptist Hundred Thousand Club

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1. January and February have been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as the time to promote the second membership drive of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

2. All the resources of every agency of the Convention were pledged by the Convention to the support of the membership drive during these two months.

3. The executives and employees of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Seminaries and Baptist Bible Institute and the Hospital, are available as speakers in churches and for special conferences and group meetings during January and February. Pastors, State and Associational Leaders should call upon them for any service they can render.

4. A letter is being sent to every pastor in the Convention suggesting a goal for his church or churches.

5. A minimum quantity of tracts, pledge cards and report sheets is being sent to all pastors. Additional supplies will be sent promptly on request.

6. A special Hundred Thousand Club issue of all state papers has been arranged for the week of January 7th.

7. Arrangements are being made for a simultaneous radio broadcast on Sunday night, January 13th, from 9:00 to 9:30 o'clock. Watch for announcements of the stations and speakers.

8. Monday, January 14th has been designated as Pastors' Day and scores of Pastors' and Workers' Conferences will be held in which plans for the January-February membership drive will be made.

9. The week of January 13-20 has been designated Loyalty Week. Let us urge the people to sign pledge cards during this week, thus demonstrating our loyalty by our whole-hearted commitment to this worthy program.

10. Victory Week is to be observed February 17-24th. It is expected that all follow-up work

Who's Who and What's What

Who was it that said that a man may hold an opinion, but a conviction holds him?

Many people are much quicker at expressing an opinion than in forming a judgment.

The Alabama Baptist anticipates that the people of that state will be called upon to vote on the legalization of liquor sales about March 1st.

Dr. J. E. Buchanan, now eighty years old, preached at Lowrey Memorial Church Sunday while on a recent visit to Blue Mountain.

A large part of the Sparks and Splinters Department will be found this week in the narrow columns of the paper, being displaced by the special 100,000 Club copy.

On account of ill health Dr. B. G. Lowrey resigned the position of U. S. Court Clerk for the Northern District of Mississippi. We hope the relief from the burdens of office may soon bring back his strength. He will make his home in Hattiesburg.

Those who believe in "Standing by the President" would do well to heed these words of his when he favored repeal, "I ask especially that no state shall by law or otherwise authorize the return of the saloon either in its old form or in some modern guise." "Lest we forget; lest we forget."

Rev. A. B. Pierce has gone from Leitchfield, Ky., to the pastorate of First Church of Hazard, same state. This is a city of some 8,000 people in the mountains, strategically located. The church has a membership of 700 with census prospects of 1,500. The members are loyal and cooperative. They have treated the pastor handsomely since his coming the first of December. The church is full of people, and the pantry full of good things. Two mission Sunday schools are conducted with an attendance of about 100. Six were added to the church in December. Bro. Pierce asks his Mississippi friends to remember him in prayer.

The difference between the Presbyterian polity or church government and that of Baptists is brought out clearly in a situation which has arisen among Northern Presbyterians. Dr. Machen, a Presbyterian minister, a prominent representative of the conservative wing of the Presbyterians, charges that their foreign mission work is in the hands of modernists. He has therefore started and supports a movement to do foreign mission work through another agency in harmony with the ideas of the conservatives. For this he is charged with insubordination and disloyalty to constituted church authority, and is to be brought to trial. He insists on obeying God rather than man, or as we might say on freedom of conscience. The question is one between church authority and individual conscience. Among Baptists nobody would ever question the right and duty of every member to follow his own conscience. With Presbyterians it is different. The "church" has a word to say.

will be completed by the 24th and if we can secure the cooperation of the people, victory will be assured.



DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH

Fifty times Dr. B. D. Ragsdale has been elected Secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Pastor J. E. Barnes of Ocean Springs will give half time to Toulmville church, near Mobile.

Despite the depression, Highland Ave. Church, Montgomery, Ala., under the leadership of Pastor C. F. Leek has maintained its mission contributions of the previous good years, and has greatly increased its contribution to local causes.

The Baptist ministers of Meridian voted unanimously requesting all the pupils in the Sunday schools in Lauderdale County to make every Sunday a birthday offering for the support of the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. Bro. Stone says if this were done all over Mississippi nearly \$75,000 a year would be given to the Orphanage.

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It is said that 95% of the jail sentences for liquor violation in Richmond, Va., have been suspended, that is not executed.

The Baptist Standard says that Mr. St. John who went from Mississippi to have charge of the Bowery Mission in New York City was recently badly beaten up by thugs so that he had to go to a hospital, because he opposed the opening of a saloon next door to the mission.

First Church, Waco, recently celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Pastor J. M. Dawson with a dinner, an address by Dr. Truett and a three weeks' revival campaign conducted by the Charles Forbes Taylor evangelistic party.

IT BROUGHT NEW HOPE TO OUR BANKERS

Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of
Foreign Mission Board

When the Hundred Thousand Club was launched at Washington, the Foreign Mission Board owed over \$1,100,000.00. Our bankers were in a bad frame of mind toward us. Our income had reached the lowest figure since 1918. We who had to do with the administration of the financial affairs of the Board were driven almost to the point of despair.

The launching of the Hundred Thousand Club, therefore, brought new hope and new faith to our missionaries and to our people in the churches, but it brought also new confidence and new hope to our bankers. During these twenty months since the Hundred Thousand Club was launched, the Foreign Mission Board has received a total of \$58,811.20 to be applied on the debts of the Board. This means that we have saved enough in interest to pay the salaries of several missionaries.

While our bankers are much pleased that we have been enabled to do this much toward the reduction of the debt, they are very positive and insistent that we must not enlarge the work of the Board, nor increase our current budget until we have made very substantial payment on these loans. The only hope we have, therefore, for the enlargement of the work of the Board, is first of all to pay the debt now so heavy and burdensome. It is true that the only concrete and dependable plan devised for the payment of our debt is the Hundred Thousand Club. The success of the Hundred Thousand Club, therefore, means the payment of our debt and the possible enlargement of the work.

All across the world, our missionaries are earnestly and incessantly calling for reinforcements. We must continue to turn a deaf ear to all these appeals until this debt is paid. Unless the Hundred Thousand Club succeeds, we cannot reinforce these missionaries. Our people are amply able through this agency to lift the debt from every institution and agency of Southern Baptists. We pray earnestly that it may be done.

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HOME MISSIONS AND THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary,
Home Mission Board

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The Home Mission Board has received up to date \$37,774.28 from the Hundred Thousand Club. This amount paid on the principal of the Home Board debt will save enough in interest to pay the salary of two missionaries.

The Hundred Thousand Club if successful, and it must be made successful, means the progress and prosperity of our Home Mission work. The Board paid last Convention year \$102,000 in interest and \$61,000 on the principal of its debts. This \$163,000 paid on the debts last year would have employed 163 missionaries, practically doubling the mission force in the homeland.

The entire interest account of Southern Baptists on their Southwide institutions amounts to over \$300,000. This amount would maintain over 300 missionaries in the home field, or 300 missionaries in the foreign field, or it would provide for the education of nearly 1,000 preachers. We must stop this tremendous drain in interest on our resources by paying our debts.

The purpose of the Hundred Thousand Club is to pay our debts. This is a religious and moral duty as well as a great service to the cause we love. There is nothing right now more important than this. We cannot enlarge our mission work at home or abroad until our debts are paid. We must pay our debts as a matter of honesty. Our honor as a religious people is at stake. God will not bless us if we do not repay the money we borrowed for kingdom purposes. He will not be pleased over churches planted, schools established, missions opened, and hospitals maintained on money that does not be-

long to us. We must pay our debts to maintain our standing before God.

We must pay our debts to maintain our spiritual and moral integrity as individuals. I did not personally make the debts, nor did you, but your denomination and mine made the debts and so long as we are Baptists, neither you nor I can escape the moral responsibility for seeing that these debts are paid. Baptist honor is at stake and you and I are Baptists. The stamp of the denomination is upon us, and so long as we wear that stamp we are morally responsible for the debts that our Baptist institutions have made. We are a part of the denomination and cannot escape responsibility of paying these debts without denying our faith. They are our debts and we must pay them.

We must pay these debts because they are honest debts. They were made by institutions which Southern Baptists created and which institutions were our representatives doing work for the Kingdom of God. The money borrowed was honest money and the banks and individuals and institutions lending this money did it in good faith. In fact, the ones to whom we owe this money lent it on the credit and good name of the Baptists of the South. We must pay these debts because they are honest debts. We cannot refuse to pay these debts and maintain our honesty and integrity as a denomination.

These debts cannot be paid by our Board and institutions out of the receipts from the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program receipts are sufficient to meet the current work of our institutions and Boards if the debts are paid, but there is little hope of increasing the receipts from the Cooperative Program so that these receipts will be sufficient to carry on our work and at the same time pay our debts. Therefore, some provision must be made for the debts over and above the Cooperative Program. The Hundred Thousand Club makes this provision.

Southern Baptists through all the years have held an outstanding place in the religious life of our land. They are a great people. Their churches are virile, vital, vigorous, functioning agencies for the on-going of the Kingdom of God. In this day when our civilization seems to be at the cross-roads and the whole world is in a slump, there is tremendous need for the message and mission of Southern Baptists. But Southern Baptists cannot take their place in present day affairs as a world-building agency for righteousness if they repudiate their debts.

This should be a tremendous incentive to our people to join the Hundred Thousand Club. For the denomination to fail to pay its debts and our agencies to default on the payment of these debts would be a tragic disaster. Of all times this is the time to be true to the higher principles of righteousness. In our national life we need honesty and integrity. These are the great outstanding virtues of the Christian life. If a Christian is anything he is honest. But how can we preach the doctrine of honesty if we do not practice it. If we fail to pay our debts the voice of our pulpits proclaiming the doctrine of honesty will be drowned by the roar of the dishonesty of our practice.

We can pay our debts. The task is not easy, but it is not impossible. We can make it easy if we will. Let Southern Baptists purpose in their hearts that they will pay their debts and the task will be made easy. Then every pastor and every officer and every member of every church throughout our Southern Zion will come hilariously with their gifts, as did the Israelites of old in the building of the Tabernacle, in the wilderness, and there will be more than enough for the payment of our debts.

Why not? Why not, Brother Pastor, present the Hundred Thousand Club to your church at once with all the urge of your soul and take the pledges? Why not, Brother Baptist, join the Hundred Thousand Club at once? Why wait on a matter as important as this?

January and February have been designated as Hundred Thousand Club months. We have enrolled to date 25,000. Let us finish the task.

Surely there are 75,000 more Baptists out of our 4,000,000 members who believe in meeting our obligations. Every high and holy interest is challenging us. For the glory of God, the honor of our denomination, the progress of our mission work, and the long drawn out cry of dying souls at home and abroad, for the light of hope and life, let every Baptist do his part.

Join the Hundred Thousand Club at once and help us pay our debts.

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CAN SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SAVE THEMSELVES? WILL THEY DO IT?

By Dr. L. R. Scarborough

In the period of January and February, Southern Baptists are on trial as to their ability and willingness and capacity to save their honor, their credit, their good name, and their chance to witness for Jesus Christ around the world. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club facing all the circumstances has had a remarkable record of achievement. Already the debts have been materially reduced. Already there is a growing success psychology and purposefulness and determination to win on the part of our pastors and people. I am sure if all of our people realized the ease with which it can be done and the value of its achievement, it would be done far more quickly than we are even now planning. The success already achieved has put a new radiance, a new hope, a new encouragement, a challenging spirit of conquest in the hearts of the institutions involved and many beyond.

Shall we go on with this good work? There is no question about our ability to do it. There are certainly more than 100,000 Baptists in the South who can give, without hurting anything else, over and above all the other they are doing, a dollar per month until the debts are cleared. It is not a question of our ability; it is a question of our willingness. So, I am urging all who read this, from the point of view of the Southwestern Seminary, to give their best to it and see that all the people have a chance to get in on this remarkably wonderful achievement.

How grateful we all ought to be to dear Dr. Tripp and the church that he is pastoring for their self-sacrificing and cooperative spirit in this matter! Eternity alone will be able to reward him and them for their unselfish service. We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to this noble pastor and generous church, we owe it to the causes involved, we owe it to the credit and honor we possess as Baptists and our chance to witness in a distressed world, to give our best—ourselves and sufficient sums of money—to the achievement of this great movement.

Surely it can be done: surely it ought to be done: surely it will be done.

The Southwestern Seminary has already gotten a great blessing, far greater than the sum of money would indicate which we have received—in a new morale, a new courage, a new encouragement. It has put a new rainbow in the horizon of our future. Our forces are 100 per cent and beyond in on this movement, and we are grateful beyond words to express for what it has already done for us, and we are singing a song in our hearts for what it will do for us.

Let us save ourselves from dishonor and from the discredit that shall surely come to us unless we pay our debts, save ourselves and our institutions to a larger achievement in the realms of the gospel. The heart of the Southwestern opens itself with an appealing plea to the dear Baptists of the South to help us and our other causes win in this worthy undertaking.

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Many listened to the President's address to Congress last week as it went out over the broadcasting chains. It was sensible and practicable as far as it went. The President did not commit himself to any special methods of securing his social policies. His speech was a feeler and he waits the reaction to it before bringing definite recommendations to Congress which he promises later on.

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THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By Dr. W. W. Hamilton
President Baptist Bible Institute

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1. **The debt is small.** Any debt-paying plan upon which Southern Baptists could unite would probably succeed, for they have sufficient numbers and adequate means to quickly retire their obligations of about one dollar and fifty cents per member. If we say that only one-half of our people do the giving, even then a debt for each giver of three dollars for foreign missions and home missions and Christian benevolence and education is certainly too small to frighten us.

2. **We expect to pay.** There is not one of us who is willing to fail those who trusted us with their money. We are not any more willing to be dishonest as to our denominational obligations than with our own personal debts. This is the attitude of young and old as they have expressed themselves individually and in churches and associations and conventions. We are not asking our creditors to take less than we owe them.

3. **Add another tithe.** We are not making new debts while paying the old. The work must go on here in the homeland and across the seas. As the Jews did, so we can and will add another tithe for the honor of our Lord's cause. A going concern can better pay its debts than one that is closed up. This was the attitude of New Orleans bankers toward the Baptist Bible Institute, and their decision has been justified. Some people once said, they could not live on nine-tenths of their income, but they came to the place where they live on one-tenth. "Lest we forget!"

4. **It is very simple.** Surely it is easily understood, that we are to give \$1.00 per month for debts. This goes into the treasury of the church as any other extra gift, and is designated "Hundred Thousand Club." The church treasurer sends this along with other funds to the state treasurer, and thus the debt gifts reach Nashville and are sent to the Southwide boards and agencies according to their "debt needs."

5. **The amount is definite.** Anyone who has sought to secure gifts knows how decided is the advantage and how much more effective is the appeal when you fix a definite amount. To ask for "something" is far different from requesting "\$1.00 per month." A newsboy in New Orleans was willing not only to give his tithe but also to go fifty-fifty on the money he had been spending for moving pictures. We can visualize "\$1.00 per month," when we cannot imagine our part of a total debt of five million dollars plus.

6. **The appeal is personal.** This is not for organizations or groups primarily, but as in the every member canvass it is an individual appeal. When we call to mind the thousands of pastors and the tens of thousands of deacons and superintendents and teachers and leaders in the work of the women and young people, we feel that we have set our goal too low at only "One Hundred Thousand." Surely we need only to make the appeal personal in order to secure all that we need.

7. **It is workable.** In every church and group with which the writer has come in contact the "1 in 40" of the membership has been more than met. The response has been more nearly "1 in 20," and sometimes "1 in 10," and this is quite clear proof that the movement needs only to be given a chance and it will bring surprising results. This has been invariably true.

8. **There is no expense.** Not one postal card, not one stamp, not one sheet of paper or envelope, not one cent for printer's ink, not one dollar of travel cost or of salaries for secretaries, or leader is taken out of the money given for debts. All of it, every dollar of it goes to the reduction of capital debts. The total expense of the movement is a gift by the Sunday School Board to help Southern Baptists meet their obligations.

9. **It is comprehensive.** All of the debts of all Southwide boards and institutions are included. Our Foreign Mission Board, our Home Mission

Board, our Baptist Seminaries, our Baptist Hospital, our former Education Board, our Southern Baptist Convention in the obligations placed upon the Executive Committee, all are included. What a time of rejoicing that will be, when in our denominational papers and in our churches and associations and conventions it is announced that all of our debt needs have been met and our every obligation has been marked, "Paid in Full."

10. **It is succeeding.** The Hundred Thousand Club has caught the imagination of our people, and over and over again they have said, "Why, I can do that much." As the glad news of debt reduction has gone out many more are saying, "I want a share in that." The Baptist Bible Institute has this last year cancelled \$29,000.00 of its bonded indebtedness, reducing this from \$200,000.00 to \$171,000.00. The first month of the movement the Institute received \$6.86, and last month the amount was \$1,578.45.

The Hundred Thousand Club is our Gideon's Band and with the small number who can and will give \$1.00 per month, Southern Baptists are going to pay every cent they owe. With their double team, the Cooperative Program and the Hundred Thousand Club, they are going on in their journey around the world giving the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to every creature. How challenging is the call and how glorious will be the victory!

THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB
A GROWING SUCCESS
By Dr. John R. Sampey

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The good hand of our God has guided in the birth and growth of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, a band of Southern Baptists keenly conscious of the debts upon our Southwide boards and institutions and firmly resolved to pay them as quickly as possible, without in any way crippling the well established Cooperative Program. Every member of the Club is urged to make his gifts over and above his regular gifts for the support of his own church and the missionary, educational and benevolent work fostered by his State Board of Missions and the Southern Baptist Convention. What we give through our church envelopes helps to maintain every cause at home and abroad. We must increase our gifts to carry on the work and seek to enlist every church member in giving regularly and systematically to the whole program of the Lord Jesus.

After we have pledged liberally as stewards of God's grace we then are free to do something over and above for the payment of the debts on our mission boards, our theological schools and the one hospital owned by the Southern Baptist Convention. How grateful we should be that twenty-three thousand Southern Baptists, more or less, have definitely enrolled in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, resolved to set the Southwide causes free from crushing debt!

Let us never forget that we have something to show for the money we borrowed to finance our boards and to erect new buildings for our Seminaries. I would challenge any fair-minded Baptist to spend a day on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary inspecting its buildings and equipment to point to any waste of Baptist money. It was fitting that the permanent home of the Seminary should be equipped to take care of five hundred young preachers during their years of preparation for the pulpit and the pastorate. The money has been well spent.

With the exception of two unfortunate experiences with dishonest treasurers, the entire indebtedness of our Southwide Boards and institutions represents wise investments in buildings and equipment and in the proclamation of the Gospel at home and abroad.

If our Baptist people could know what inspiration has come to our boards and seminaries from the money received month by month through the Hundred Thousand Club they

would count it a privilege to have part in this wonderful movement. The idea can be sold to a debt-paying Baptist in five minutes by any member of the Club who understands what it is all about and the ease with which this simple and sensible plan can be put in operation.

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TELEGRAM

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Dr. Frank Tripp,
First Baptist Church,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

In my visits with our missionaries through China and Japan I found nothing that encouraged them more than the reports of what the Hundred Thousand Club is doing to reduce the debt on the Foreign Mission Board and the other denominational enterprises. They feel terribly hampered and hindered by the debt and feel that if it can only be completely lifted there will be a great grand new day for the missionary enterprises. I share this sentiment with the missionaries and hope that our people throughout the entire South will come forward more heartily and generously with their memberships for the Hundred Thousand Club.

M. E. Dodd.

THANKS TO THE EDITOR

This special Baptist Hundred Thousand Club issue of the "Baptist Record" is made possible by the cooperation of the editor, Dr. P. I. Lipsey. He has not only cooperated with the General Leader in the publication of this special issue, but has been most generous in the space that has been devoted to publicizing the movement ever since it was started.

We take this opportunity to express to him and all of those associated with him our sincere appreciation of their many courtesies.

Frank Tripp, General Leader,
BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE
BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

Report as of November 30, 1934

State	Amount Paid
Alabama	\$ 13,559.77
Arizona	304.50
Arkansas	6,962.48
Canal Zone	53.00
District of Columbia	1,350.66
Florida	10,324.10
Georgia	16,679.71
Illinois	1,298.65
Kentucky	20,276.95
Louisiana	10,272.81
Maryland	667.00
Mississippi	14,804.12
Missouri	13,226.63
New Mexico	1,083.63
North Carolina	2,560.56
Oklahoma	10,975.45
South Carolina	2,095.39
Tennessee	22,341.88
Texas	29,616.33
Virginia	1,870.25
Sent Direct to Executive Committee	7,457.82
TOTAL	\$187,781.69

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS

Foreign Mission Board	\$ 57,011.11
Home Mission Board	37,744.28
Southern Seminary	33,800.70
Southwestern Seminary	26,590.14
Baptist Bible Institute	18,702.98
New Orleans Hospital	3,454.45
Am. Seminary and Education Board	10,478.03

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Vanderbilt University recently received \$150,000 on the endowment of its School of Religion, the gift of Fredrick Wm. Vanderbilt. This is supposed to be for the training of preachers.

Editorials

TAKING UP THE SLACK

One of the happiest auguries in all our Baptist work is the responsiveness of our people to the leadership of those who have rallied us with the challenge to pay off the obligations incurred in carrying on the work. A new and better spirit possesses the rank and file of the people. Gratification and surprise are felt at the readiness of the church members to respond wherever the causes have been presented.

To be sure the past few years have been a bad time to be in debt. Debts have been difficult to meet under the economic conditions. But there is no sin in being in debt. The only sin is in not paying the debt. Under the methods of conducting business to which the world is accustomed, some debts are inevitable and necessary. It is simply impossible to carry on any large amount of business without incurring some debts.

Here is proof from personal experience. This writer does not make any debts which he can avoid. He does not buy clothes on credit. He does not make accounts at the grocery store, to be paid at the end of the month. The lady who tells him what to do said a long time ago, "We will pay as we go, and when we can't pay, we won't go." And he said "O. K.; suits me."

But here comes the dairyman to the door at an unearthly hour. We can't meet him every morning with a dime. His bill comes in at the end of the month. Same with the telephone, the electric lights, the water. Not only so, but that is the way we came to own a home. A good proposition came our way, half cash and half in installments. The home was bought, the wife and five children moved in, and we paid for it as the installments became due. We have never regretted it. It was our best if not only chance to get a home.

Now in just that way our colleges have been equipped and our seminaries. In some cases buildings were secured; in other cases endowments without which they could not continue. It was necessary, and it was right to get these things and to get them in the way we did. Oh yes it would have been better to pay cash, but we didn't have the cash, but we had a loyal constituency and these people through their own elected representatives adopted the present plan. We think they did exactly right. And believing so we are willing to do our best in paying for it all.

The largest percentage of the receipts from the 100,000 Club goes to foreign missions. Next to home missions, next to the seminaries. These agencies are absolutely necessary to our worldwide work. They are soul saving agencies. Through them we are seeking to carry out the will of the Master. Every man, woman and child who loves the Lord ought to rejoice in the privilege of having a part in this work. Join the 100,000 Club, and if it bothers you to have a pledge hanging over you, pay it in advance, for as many months or years as you are able.

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In the city of Atlanta where the mayor insisted on licensing the sale of beer in violation of the state law, the number of arrests went up nearly fifteen per cent. And he's the bird that was for licensing liquor to reduce crime. Read Rev. 21:8.

Twenty-five churches reported at Union County Association, two not reporting. Total membership 6,537. There were 279 baptisms within the year. Only two churches reported no baptisms. The largest number was reported from New Albany, 41; next was Liberty with 37. All churches had revival meetings. Four did not observe the Lord's Supper. Nineteen churches have Sunday schools. Seven have B. T. U.'s. Seven have W. M. U.'s. Total given to local causes \$8,973.61. Eleven churches gave to the Cooperative Program \$1,266.61. Twenty churches made designated gifts to missions. The total to missions was \$3,506.23.

A BAG WITH HOLES IN IT

The prophet Haggai tells the people that "he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it in a bag with holes." He was speaking of the folly of those who were working for money for themselves and who were unwilling to give to rebuild the temple. They were foolish to think they could beat the Lord out of what belonged to him and get away with it. They had not learned or did not believe they could save more money by giving the Lord his tenth than by trying to keep it all for themselves. Here's a lesson worth learning. See Hag. 1:6.

The principle has a further and wider application. And it ought to be as plain as the nose on a man's face. Here it is. If there is anybody who is unwilling to pay the debts of the denomination, he is just another example of a man who is putting money in a bag with holes in it. Suppose he takes the attitude that he has nothing to do with the debts, but he is willing to contribute to the regular support of the work. He ought to know that it is necessary to stop the leaks if his money or anybody's money is to fulfill its mission.

The mission of his money of all the money given is to support missionaries who preach the gospel, and to prepare young men and young women in our seminaries to be missionaries at home and abroad. But as long as we have debts a large part of this money must be used to pay interest on what we owe at the banks. The number of missionaries sent out and supported is reduced by the amount of this interest we are paying annually. This is the way the money is running out of the holes in the bag.

For example the Foreign Mission Board is paying interest every year which could be used to support fifty more missionaries. This is below the actual estimate. If we will pay these debts, the Foreign Mission Board could send out and support fifty more missionaries than we now have, on the same amount of money which now goes to Foreign Missions. At present we are paying it to the banks. Why not use it to send missionaries. This will be done when we pay the debts.

The 100,000 Club is the method adopted by Southern Baptists to pay our Southwide debts. The purpose is to get 100,000 people to pay \$1.00 extra every month on canceling the debts. If you have not already done this write to Dr. R. B. Gunter and tell him you want to join the 100,000 Club. There are now something over 25,000 members.

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FOR EXAMPLE AND ADMONITION

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Somebody said, "History is philosophy teaching by example." Anybody interested in the law of cause and effect will find plenty of support in the study of history. Fortunately a large part of the Bible is history. Its lessons are not hard to learn. The Old Testament in particular is interpreted history. You are personally conducted through all its avenues and shown the significance of the successive events. Or to change the figure the Old Testament is like the 'examples' in arithmetic, if they haven't fundamentally changed that book since we muddled through it. We had in the arithmetic, "examples" which were worked out; and then we had "problems" which we had to work out ourselves. We learned to work the problems by fully studying the examples. That's what we mean when we speak of the examples in the Old Testament. They are worked out for us, the process and solution and answer are all there.

Paul in writing to the Corinthians (First Epistle) speaking of some incidents in the Old Testament says, "These things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition." The facts furnish the example and the record of them furnishes the admonition. That makes the sermon complete and authoritative.

What particular truth is it that is here put into the form of history? What is it meant to

teach us and admonish us, or warn us about? Paul is telling them that they are walking in the midst of perils against which they must be on guard. They were living amid social and moral conditions to which they dare not conform, which antagonize the Christian life, which they must resist if they are to live the Christian life. This vile world is no friend to grace to help us on to God. They were surrounded with paganism, and all currents ran counter to the standards of Christian living. They were in danger in these treacherous currents. Their safety depended on their being strictly and constantly on guard. They must not take it for granted that because they were Christians they were immune to temptation and safeguarded against falling into sin.

Paul calls to their mind the Israelites who escaped from the bondage of Egypt. They were separated from the old life and the old land. They were baptized unto Moses by passing through the Red Sea. They drank of the rock in the wilderness and ate the manna which was sent from heaven. But they all fell in the wilderness. Not one of responsible age ever got through, because in spite of the high privileges they had enjoyed they fell into sin. With great emphasis Paul warns, "I speak as to wise men, judge ye what I say."

The sins of these people in the wilderness are here enumerated (I Cor. 10:6-10) They are held up as danger signals to Christians. They lusted after evil things, unable to forget the flesh pots of Egypt. They engaged in idolatrous feasts and plays around the golden calf. They committed fornication. They made demands upon God to prove that He could feed them. They murmured against God. There is room here for a whole sermon, but you will have to work it out for yourself.

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The Executive Committee of the Convention Board met in Jackson last Monday.

It is said that there are more members of Baptist Churches in Scotland than are in the United Free Church, made up of Presbyterians outside the state church.

An Annual of the last meeting of the State Convention may be secured upon request from Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss. Please enclose 6c for postage.—Walton E. Lee, Secty.

The Baptist Record plans to run a list of all churches having one or more subscriptions for each fifteen members. If your church should be in this list drop us a line at once.—A. L. G., Circ. Mgr.

First Church, Corinth, had a good year in 1934. There were 86 additions to the church, and \$7,095.05 given to all causes. Two were made emeritus deacons, S. D. Bramlett and T. A. Reed. Other deacons are H. E. Ray, Robt. Ridings, E. M. Hawkins, J. Vasser and R. L. Hinton.

Clarksdale: Fine inspirational services both morning and night. Good crowds; three additions to the church; pastor at his best; great interest; starting off the New Year in fine shape.—S.

Kentucky Baptists will cooperate with Southern Baptists in the 100,000 Club plan for paying Southwide debts in January and February. And then beginning in March they will have a 100,000 club plan for debt paying, half to go to Southwide objects and half to state objects.

We are glad to have for our front page the likenesses of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, President of the Baptist Bible Institute, and Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Seminary. We had asked for and hoped for that of Dr. Sampey also of the Southern Seminary. If it comes later it will appear next week. These three theological and training schools have a warm place in the hearts of Southern Baptists. And these three men are outstanding among the spiritual forces in the kingdom of God. These schools share in the receipts of the 100,000 Club and deserve all the support that comes to them.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.

"AS GOD HATH PROSPERED HIM"

The heading to this paragraph gives Paul's scale for giving. It was in line with the Old Testament plan. Under the Old Testament plan if a man made \$10.00, he was supposed to give \$1.00. If he made \$100.00, he was supposed to give \$10.00. If he made \$1,000.00, he was supposed to give \$100.00. Unless we accept the scale as given in the Scriptures in applying the rule of giving, as you have been prospered, then every man is a law unto himself. He can decide upon one-twentieth, or one one-hundredth, or any percentage which he may adopt, and say he is giving as he has been prospered. If he adopts 1% instead of 10%, as the Bible gives, then he will give one cent out of \$1.00, ten cents out of \$10.00, \$1.00 out of \$100.00 and so on.

Applying Paul's scale of "giving as one has prospered," Mississippians should have given far more last year than they did give. Year before last, with cotton receipts amounting to \$101,000,000.00, Mississippi Baptists gave \$100,000.00. The cotton crop of 1934 brought to Mississippi, including seed, rents from the Government and parity payments, \$175,000,000.00. In all probability the increase for 1935 will far surpass the receipts of 1934. Therefore, if on the basis of 1933 receipts Mississippi Baptists should increase their contributions as they have been prospered, 1935 receipts for denominational work should reach the \$200,000.00 mark.

There is reason for believing that 1935 receipts will increase. One small church reports an increase of \$400.00 for denominational work for this year. Another reports an increase of \$1,000.00 for denominational work. This is an increase of nearly 100%. Another church which is now out of debt and which has been paying \$1,000.00 a year on its building debt, expresses a desire to increase its contributions for the work of the denomination by \$1,000.00. Such planning on the part of all churches throughout the State will not only greatly relieve the embarrassing situation of the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies, but will guarantee to the donors an increase in income. "Prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

OUR DEBT SITUATION

With \$15,000.00 more in cash and the payment of \$4,500.00 in pledges already made, it will be possible for the State Board to clean up the balance of the bonds and interest for 1934.

The receipts from the efforts put forth the fourth Sunday in December were very small. Some churches did well, but the offering was not general; neither was it generous in the majority of the churches which made an appeal.

The Convention will have \$27,000.00 worth of bonds maturing December 1st of this year, \$30,360.00 in interest on its bonded indebtedness, or a total of \$57,360.00. It was \$10,000.00 coming due at banks, this sum having been borrowed for supplement at the Mississippi Woman's College. It has a note of \$10,000.00 due to Blue Mountain College for supplement; also the interest on these two obligations which will amount to \$1,300.00. It has in unpaid obligations for 1934 \$35,000.00. Of course, some funds are on hand which can be applied on this amount. This gives a total of \$113,660.00 which should be paid this year. This does not include the annual supplement of \$10,000.00 each to the women's colleges.

But if our gifts are increased over 1933 gifts

in proportion to the increase in income, we could give \$100,000.00 to the cooperative work, and still have \$113,660.00 to be designated for the debts—only giving as we are prospered. Remember, people are not thinking much about what we say in our preaching unless we are paying what we promised.

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ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEBT CAMPAIGN

Edwards, Hinds Co.	\$ 12.00
Bay Springs, Jasper Co.	100.00
Laurel 2nd Ave., Jones Co.	100.01
Meridian First, Lauderdale Co.	12.00
Meridian Poplar Springs, Lauderdale Co.	1.00
Amory, Monroe Co.	4.00
Philadelphia, Neshoba Co.	150.00
Brooksville, Noxubee Co.	24.50
Magee, Simpson Co.	2.50
Lorena, Smith Co.	2.66
Winston Co. Ass'n.	8.00
Pittsboro, Calhoun Co.	5.00
Grenada First, Grenada Co.	125.00
Bethesda, Hinds Co.	5.00
Lowrey Memorial, L. T. Lowrey, Tippah Co.	85.00
New Albany, Union Co.	8.00
Salem, Walthall Co.	4.00
West Point, J. M. White, Clay Co.	100.00
Yockanookany, Kosciusko	10.52
Oxford, M. F. Herring, Lafayette Co.	10.00
Summit W. M. S., Pike Co.	1.00
Ashland, Benton Co.	27.00
Bluff Springs, Benton Co.	9.15
Curtis Creek, Benton Co.	6.50
Flat Rock, Benton Co.	.50
Hickory Flat, Benton Co.	12.50
Benton Co.—Miscellaneous contributions.	7.50
Lonoke, Benton Co.	.50
Pleasant Hill, Benton Co.	5.75
Pine Grove, Benton Co.	37.25
Lucedale, George Co.	18.77
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave., Hinds-Warren	29.00
Laurel West End, Harry Smallwood, Jones Co.	130.00
Corinth, Leake Co.	12.34
Magnolia, Jr. B.Y.P.U., Pike Co.	1.00
Louisville, W. M. S., Winston Co.	10.25
Jackson Calvary, Hinds-Warren	51.50
Moss Point 1st, W. M. S., Jackson Co.	5.00
Beulah, Smith Co.	3.00
Greenville, Deer Creek	200.00
Raymond, R. L. Wallace, Hinds-Warren	8.00
Sardis, Smith Co.	2.44
Calhoun City, Calhoun Co.	25.45
Pascagoula First, Jackson Co.	13.50
Canton, Madison Co.	50.00
Pope, Pauline N. Bennett, Panola Co.	1.00
Courtland, W. L. Howse, Panola Co.	7.50

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TO THE BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI: From A. F. Crittenden

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After earnest and prayerful consideration I am definitely convinced that it is the Lord's will that I accept the position as State Enlistment Worker offered me by the State Convention Board. I sought indications of the Lord's will in several directions and there was but one answer to all my seeking. Every signpost pointed in the same direction and indicated the call of the Lord to this new task.

So, I am accepting the place offered as an opportunity for enlarged service to the Baptists of Mississippi and to the Lord, and expect to enter upon the responsibilities of the new task February 1st. I am already making plans for the new work. As one of the first projects of the new work I am seeking to work out plans for a Mississippi Baptist Men's Convention, to include pastors and laymen and present the Baptist Brotherhood Movement, seek to bring to victorious conclusion the membership drive of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, promote church schools of missions and present plans for deepening the spiritual life of our churches and seek to set up associational and church organiza-

tions for developing stewardship and enlistment.

I am working out plans with ten or a dozen churches in Southwest Mississippi for conducting simultaneous Church Schools of Missions. One group of these churches will conduct their schools of missions the week of Feb. 17-23 and the other group will conduct their schools the week of Feb. 24-March 1st.

I am grateful for the many pledges of cooperation in this important work and will be at your service. I will be glad to make engagements now for the first and second weeks in February.

It shall be my earnest purpose to seek to extend the circumference of the inner circle of the faithful, dependable, consecrated and contributing members of each and every church in the state.

Yours for all the causes,

A. F. Crittenden.

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ACCEPT ONE OR MORE OF THESE

A. L. Goodrich

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Below is a list of some opportunities that should appeal to some Baptist Record readers. Read the list and if you are willing to send the Baptist Record to them for a year at \$1.50 or eight months for \$1.00, write us, enclosing the proper amount and the number of the opportunity you accept and a letter will go to you naming the person and a letter to them will inform them of the fact that you are sending them the Record.

OPPORTUNITY No. 1—Preacher, blind, wife, 2 children, active supporter of the organized work when able to see and even now as far as able. Very deserving.

OPPORTUNITY No. 2—Mother, 3 children, deserted by husband. Mother and children all tithers. Having hard time but regular church-goers.

OPPORTUNITY No. 3—Man, wife, 5 children, depression stricken. Still tithes, but that is little. Willing, but having hard pull. Regular church-goer and worker.

OPPORTUNITY No. 4—Brother and sister. Brother has cancer, sister sole means of support and she has had to give up her work to care for him. Before this sickness both were faithful church-goers.

OPPORTUNITY No. 5—Widow—two children—had home but on husband's death were unable to keep up payments. Been getting some relief work. Worthy case.

WHY NOT OTHERS

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Recently a good layman handed Dr. Lipsey a check for \$25.00 and asked him to send the Record to some preachers who were unable to take it. There are many people in our state who want the Record but at present are unable to take it. There are also many in our state who could spare a few dollars. All of which means: Do as the above mentioned layman did.

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PASTORAL CHANGES: T. E. West becomes assistant to Pastor H. A. Alford at First Church, Charlottesville, Va.—D. E. Charlton goes from Altavista, Va., to Greensboro, Md.—J. I. Jones goes from Holtville, Cal., to Summerton, Ariz.—A. W. Reeves of Greenville, Texas, has been called to Calvary Church, Birmingham, Ala.—E. L. Carnett becomes assistant to Pastor R. G. Lee, Bellevue, Memphis.—Rev. A. D. Muse has resigned the pastorate of Pauls Valley, Okla.—B. W. Hudson of Rienzi will preach also for West Corinth Church.—B. F. Davis goes from Clay Village to Cadiz, Ky.—G. W. Duncan resigns care of Roanoke Church, Kansas City.—E. S. Mizell resigns at Clayton to go to Bixby, Okla.—C. L. Truett resigns at Shidler, Okla.—Dr. Johnston Meyers on June 1st resigns from the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Chicago, after 40 years of service with them. After ten years service, Dr. L. W. Doolan resigns First Church, Danville, Ky.

TOGETHER
By Frank Tripp, General Leader,
Baptist Hundred Thousand Club

It is said that when the American Salvation Army was being organized a cablegram was sent to General Booth, asking him to suggest a suitable slogan for the organization and that he replied in one word, "Others." If I were asked to suggest a slogan for the cooperative efforts of Southern Baptists, it would be one word, "Together." When we think of our tasks together, we take courage and hope. When we think of our combined denominational assets which have been accumulated through many years of working together, we are persuaded that after all there is much evidence of God's approval of our efforts.

This business of living and serving must be thought of in terms of community or cooperative endeavor, or the bigness of it will scare us. A very few, if any, of us will ever be able to support a missionary, build a hospital, establish and endow a school or maintain an orphanage, but by working together in Christian cooperation and fellowship with our fellow churchmen, we can do all of these.

Just as we think of the assets of our denomination as the result of working together, so must we think of our liabilities or debts as the responsibility or obligation of all. It will be a good day for Baptists when we refer to these debts as "ours" instead of "theirs." Instead of trying to side-step the responsibility of meeting our honest obligations, we should face them together and meet them in a spirit becoming to Christians.

Southern Baptists should think of their institutions and agencies plus four million church members, along with their debts of more than five millions in principal plus the annual interest of \$300,000.00. What we owe should never be separated in our thinking from what we have and what we are. These two things should always be weighed together. You cannot measure the efficiency or worthwhileness of a denominational program with the yardstick of a financial statement. The far-reaching influence of missions and Christian education at home and abroad will never be reflected in a bank balance. When we think of our debts, let us view with sincere Christian appreciation our achievements.

I am deeply concerned now about the January-February membership drive for the Hundred Thousand Club. This is the time designated by the Southern Baptist Convention and indicated on our denominational calendar for the second major effort to enroll our people in this worthy movement. The one absolutely necessary thing to the success of the drive during these two months is that we stay together. Our pastors must go together. The Lord only knows what Southern Baptists could and would do if we preachers would get together and stay together until the job is finished. If ten thousand pastors would storm the heavens with their united prayers and work together in our plans, Southern Baptists would pay every dollar they owe in one year and never miss the money.

Fellow preachers and pastors, let us get together in January and February for a great and glorious victory. The several departments and auxiliaries in our churches must work together. Paying our debts is not the job of the Woman's Missionary Union. I will never subscribe to any plan that would unload the debts of our Convention on the good women; neither should we expect the Brotherhood to shoulder the entire responsibility of paying our debts. The men are ready to do a big and worthy thing in this movement, but should not be expected to do it all. The Sunday schools and B. T. U. groups cannot be made collection agencies. However, all of these groups can and must help if we succeed.

It is together we must work. Every man at his post, pulling his part until the goal is reached. The leaders in these departments and groups must work together; counsel together; pray and

plan together for this and every other cause. Likewise must the state and Southwide conventions, boards and committees plan and pull together. We cannot travel in two directions at the same time. There can be no division of loyalty. Southern Baptists have at the last two Conventions voted with an overwhelming majority, if not unanimously, to pay their debts by the Hundred Thousand Club plan.

Let every loyal Southern Baptist, wherever he may live, fall in line, catch step with his fellow Baptists and together we will march to victory. Not a few large gifts, but many small ones; not the rich only, but the rich and the poor; not the women alone, but the women and the men; not simply the grown-ups, but the young people and the children praying, planning and pulling together in January and February will bring success.

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THE HOSPITAL AND THE CLUB

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has been a participant in the funds of the Hundred Thousand Club for a year; and money contributed through this Club has greatly cheered our hearts and furthered our efforts to pay our capital debt as the bonds matured.

And we have paid all interest and all principal, 100 cents on the dollar, on each maturity date.

The Southern Baptist Hospital is an effective missionary agency of the denomination in New Orleans and in Louisiana. I believe no other agency of the Baptists has contributed more to the winning of the good will of the people of this section. Our contacts with folk of other faiths and with those who say they have no religious affiliation are such that we reach them in a very impressionable time. For when folk are themselves sick, or their loved ones are dying, is a time when they think seriously on the great fundamental soul facts of life. And how many have borne testimony to having been helped here only our Heavenly Father knows.

The relief of suffering, strengthening of the weak, curing the diseased, comforting the sorrowing—in a word, Healing Humanity's Hurt—that is our task. And members of the Hundred Thousand Club are aiding us in a fine way. Our hope and prayer is that many new members may be added to the Club in 1935.

New Orleans, Louisiana.

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THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By Dr. J. T. Henderson

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Why should we laymen support it?

First, it is a feasible plan—it calls for only \$1.00 a month from each member and this is easily within the reach of at least 100,000 Baptists, or one-fortieth of our membership.

Second, the Baptist Sunday School Board values the plan so highly that it voluntarily proposed to pay the expenses of the movement; therefore, every dollar that is contributed applies on our debts.

Third, the receipts of the Cooperative Program, commendable as its policies are, have not been sufficient to provide adequately for the current work and therefore we must secure money for our debts from some other source.

Fourth, this Club makes its leading appeal to the sacrificial spirit, the exercise of which always enriches life. Some of us think that our tenth, week by week, should go into the Cooperative Program and that our response to this Club and other extras should come from our offering—tithes and offerings is the Scriptural order.

Fifth, it should be regarded a real distinction to be enrolled as a member of this elect company. Such members are willing to go the "second mile" in such an emergency—they heed Paul's admonition, "Abound in the grace of giving."

Sixth, the success of this effort has inspired hope among us all and has created a new confidence with our creditors. Depression has given place to a spirit of optimism. We are beginning

to see light. \$1.00 a month by 100,000 members would give us \$1,200,000 a year. In five years this plan would pay all the debts of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Seventh, this effort was heartily endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention and January and February, 1935, were designated as a special period to promote it. We all can appreciate the value of cooperation and loyalty to the Convention's action.

Eighth, the generosity of Dr. Tripp's church is donating his services to the denomination and the zealous and resourceful services of our Leader should make a winning appeal to us all.

Will not interested laymen in large numbers join this Club and in connection with their pastors, stress its claims among their deacons and other able laymen of their churches? Memberships in large numbers should be secured in Bible classes and brotherhoods.

In connection with the Promotion or Executive Committee, laymen should assist in presenting the merits of this cause to the churches of their association.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT A WITNESS

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Editor F. M. McConnell says in *The Baptist Standard*:

When Jesus was gone there was not a man on the earth who knew whether he went to the Father or not. There was not a man who could know it. So far as men could test his promise the earth was silent and must remain silent forever unless testimony, proof, came from Heaven. That proof was the one thing the world needed, the supreme thing, vital to any complete revelation of God's plan of salvation through Christ. Without such proof of his acceptance in Heaven by the Father, any message of the apostles would be an unattested gospel. Hence, he told them to go to Jerusalem and (Kathidzo) sit down, to continue to sit, to tarry being still, until they received the proof that the Holy Ghost would bring to them. Think of the supreme importance of that proof. The testimony could be brought by none but a divine witness, the Holy Spirit. The thing to be proved was super-human; hence, its cogency must be miraculous and overwhelming in its power to convince.

They prayed. Their hearts longed for one thing, were of one accord. That thing was the coming of Heaven's Witness that the Son's work, his sacrifice, the price paid for human redemption, had been approved by the Father and that the Son was at the "throne of God." The day such proof would come would be a testimony day. Such would be its purpose and it would have no other purpose. All else connected with it would be entirely incidental.

The Witness came in mighty, convincing power. They tarried (sat down) no longer. Peter could say, "Therefore, being at the right hand of God exalted" (See Acts 2:33 R. V. marginal note). Now read Acts 2:32-36. From that hour they preached that Jesus was with the Father, in Heaven; a living, divine Saviour.

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Rev. Jno. Thompson of Meridian sends his fiftieth renewal to the Record. Brother Thompson is an Englishman by birth, an American by choice and a Baptist from conviction. God bless you and make the days to come glorious with his presence.

The story is told of one of our Baptist preachers that his horse died which had served as his means of getting to his "appointments" every Sunday. Some kind friends to show their sympathy with him gave him a little mule for which he was very grateful. Another preacher visiting his home was taken to the horse lot and shown the new gift. The new owner said, "I am very thankful for their kindness. Of course it is a little mule and not as young as it used to be, but I reckon it is as good as the one the Master rode." His visiting friend looked into the mule's mouth and glancing around at the owner said, "I believe it is the same animal."

News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Home Mission Board

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." —Joshua 1:9.

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Somewhere beyond the stress and strain of the present hour there is the dawning of a new day when we shall proceed with well prepared budgets, with due reserve for emergencies, with careful reckoning of income, with our minds not set on the business of our enterprises but on doing the will of our Lord, and the name of the new era will be "We-Pray-As-We-Go."

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The Hundred Thousand Club

January and February are Hundred Thousand Club months. What a glorious opportunity our pastors have during these months to go the second mile for Christ and His cause by presenting this matter to their churches and enrolling members in the Club. The Hundred Thousand Club movement is a worthy undertaking for a worthy purpose and, as a worthy people, we should worthily respond by becoming members of this worthy enterprise.

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A Seventy-Five Year Old Sinner Accepts Christ
 It is not often that a man seventy-five years of age yields to the preaching of the Gospel. This is especially true where there is a Catholic background for the life. In a letter from Paschal Arpaio, one of our Mexican missionaries, we have the interesting story of a conversion of this sort. Brother Arpaio says: "We have a mission about a mile from here and it is my duty to invite all the neighborhood to come to this mission where I preach the Gospel. Signor Giovanni lived in this community. He was seventy-five years of age but had never attended a Protestant meeting. I invited him to the services. He looked at me a while and then said, 'Do you know who I am? What kind of life I have been living? I am an ex-convict and I do not go to church.' I told him that Jesus could save an ex-convict and that I would be glad to have him come to the church. He came and the power of the Gospel of God got hold upon him. He confessed his sins and publicly said to the audience, 'For seventy-five years I served the devil, but now I dedicate my life to Jesus.' Last Sunday night he brought a wagon load of neighbors to the mission. He is a great worker for Christ. Pray for us."

Can We Afford Not To Pay Our Debts?

DEBTS! No one likes to hear the word, and yet, when one has debts honesty and integrity force him to consider the matter. Southern Baptists have debts. Their boards and institutions borrowed money to carry on their missionary, educational and benevolent work. We claim the work done as a part of our service to Christ. We have the results as a part of our denominational assets. Shall we not now pay back the money we borrowed with which to do this work? Will Christ be pleased with missions opened, seminaries built and hospitals equipped and maintained with money that was not ours? If we do not pay our debts, then we have done work with money that did not belong to us. That is dishonest. Therefore, there is a matter of morals involved in the Hundred Thousand Club movement, for the specific purpose of this movement is to pay our debts.

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The Work In Santa Clara Province

The work in Santa Clara Province, Cuba, is, under the circumstances, progressing very nicely. A letter from Mr. McCall says, "In Santa Clara Province where churches are in easy reach of each other and bus fares are cheap, they are having quarterly meetings, sometimes emphasizing

Sunday school work, sometimes evangelistic work and sometimes talking about and considering an enlarged missionary program for the Province. The pastors have followed these meetings with evangelistic services and have carried their campaigns to the country districts. Every church has from two to five preaching points. Of course, one man cannot look after so much work alone, but the pastors in this Province are encouraging and developing lay preachers which enables them to extend their work to the surrounding country."

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Home Missions Helped By The Hundred Thousand Club

The Home Mission Board has received up to date over \$30,000 from the Hundred Thousand Club. This amount paid on the principal of the Home Board debt saves enough in interest to pay the salary of two missionaries. If the full 100,000 members are enrolled in the Club, and we must enroll this number by May 1st, it will mean the progress and prosperity and enlargement of our Home Mission work. Nothing Southern Baptists could do right now would mean more to Home Missions and to the evangelization and Christianization of the homeland than to successfully complete the Hundred Thousand Club movement. If 100,000 Baptists will join the Club and pay regularly and faithfully a dollar a piece per month, the entire indebtedness of the Home Mission Board, together with all the indebtedness of Southwide agencies of Southern Baptists will be liquidated in five years. This will save to the denomination over \$300,000 in interest. This amount will maintain over 300 missionaries in the home field, or over 300 missionaries in the foreign field, or it would provide for the education of nearly 1,000 preachers. The Home Board last Convention year paid \$106,000 in interest and \$69,000 on the principal of its debts. This \$175,000 paid on the debts last Convention year is sufficient to just about double the Home Mission force. We cannot afford the expense of remaining in debt. We must complete the Hundred Thousand Club. Dear reader, if you have not already joined, get a card at once and enroll in this worthy enterprise.

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Added Equipment Needed At Tampa

Our mission work among the Italians at North Tampa under the administration of J. F. Plainfield has grown until the present equipment is inadequate to meet the needs of the enlarged work. In a letter received recently from brother Plainfield, he says: "The greatest need of the North Boulevard Mission now is Sunday school rooms to take care of classes in our growing Sunday school. A small building consisting of some six or eight rooms connecting the back of the main church building with the Sunday school building and with a rostrum to permit outside services would greatly help us in our work. I have a friend who is an architect who has offered his services for plans and direction of the work, and he assures me that materials and work would not cost over \$500.00. May I ask you to put this matter before the churches and the friends of Home Missions so that the Lord may have a chance to put it into the hearts of our people to make a special gift for this tremendously needed cause!" Dear reader, pray that the Lord may put it into the heart of someone who has some of the Lord's money that he would use to this end. No better use could be made of it than to enlarge the mission equipment at North Tampa.

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The Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets in Jackson at First Church Tuesday, Jan. 15th at ten o'clock.

BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

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At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. C. M. Thompson, Executive Secretary of the General Association of Kentucky, presented the request from the General Association of Kentucky that the Executive Committee endorse the plan adopted in Kentucky at their recent state associational meeting for dividing the funds accruing from the Hundred Thousand Club after January 1, 1935, 50-50 between Statewide and Southwide objects in view of the emergency that has arisen in Kentucky on account of their state debts. After preliminary discussion the matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Julian Atwood, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, J. W. Bruner, D. A. Ellis and C. S. Henderson. The committee brought in the following report:

"Viewing with profound sympathy the situation in the State of Kentucky which gave rise to the paper presented for our consideration, your committee, to which the whole matter involved was referred, found itself unanimous in the following observations and conclusions:

1. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was set up to meet the debt needs of Southwide agencies.

2. The basis of membership requires the payment of \$1.00 per month to Southwide debts. These subscriptions constitute a contract between the subscriber and the Southern Baptist Convention which should be held inviolate.

3. We have entered into a covenant with our creditors, agreeing on the basis of distribution and method of promotion and, on this basis, many of our debts have been adjusted.

4. Any interference with the present plans, at this time, would not only destroy confidence of a large number of present subscribers but would interfere with the success of further enlistment.

We, therefore, express the earnest hope that the states may be able to work out their own debt problems without jeopardizing the Hundred Thousand Club movement."

After several hours earnest discussion the above report of the Executive Committee was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee.

Alabama had presented the request for a division of funds from the Hundred Thousand Club at the June meeting of the Executive Committee and it was understood that Tennessee and Arkansas were interested in such a proposal, but the Executive Committee was unanimous in the conviction that the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club should be held to its original purpose and plan of paying the debts of Southwide agencies and institutions.

Let us earnestly promote the Hundred Thousand Club movement during January and February and seek to enlist every possible member in its support. This is to be an "Over and above" movement, a second mile response in sacrificial giving. We will support the Cooperative Program wholeheartedly and continuously as the method of providing current support for all our causes, and we will by extra sacrifice and devotion find a way to take care of our state debts when the time comes to renew the campaign for their payment. We are well able to overcome the giants of both state and Southwide debts. Let us go up at once and possess the land.

A. F. Crittenden.

Hundred Thousand Club Radio Programs will be broadcast, January 13, from 9:00 to 9:30 Sunday night as follows: From Shreveport, WKH by Dr. Dodd; from Dallas, WRR by Dr. Craig; from Memphis, WNBR by Dr. Lee; from Columbia, Mo., KFRU by Drs. Godbold and Weber; from Springfield, Mo., KWTO by Dr. Tripp; from Nashville, WLAC at 9:15 to 9:45 by Drs. Crouch and Hill.

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Baptist Hundred Thousand Club

January and February have been designated on our calendar as the months for renewed effort to obtain new members for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. I am sure it isn't necessary to go into details regarding the plan. Membership cards and all necessary literature for renewals and enrollment may be secured from your pastors, our Baptist Headquarters or Dr. Frank Tripp, c/o. Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, St. Joseph, Missouri.

You will be interested to know that the total number of members reported to the General Leader's office September 1st was 22,604. The total amount of cash received from membership payments up to September 1st was \$147,969.89. Every cent of this amount has been applied on our debts. No debt is easily paid without a DETERMINATION on the part of the debtor to do so. If every Southern Baptist would determine to wipe out these devitalizing debts every cent could be paid in a reasonable length of time.

Someone has said no great task was ever accomplished without ENTHUSIASM. You and I know that enthusiasm is contagious. Let someone catch your enthusiasm for paying our debts and join the Hundred Thousand Club.

BRING your payment up to date. How easy it is to neglect a pledge if you ever get behind with your payments. How much more would be added to the total amount paid if each member would bring her payments up to date.

TRIUMPHANT will Southern Baptists be if we determine to wipe out our debts, accumulate enthusiasm for doing so and bring our pledges up to date. As individual women we want to have a part.

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It became necessary for Mrs. Edgar Giles, State Mission Study Chairman, to resign because of her physical condition. We regret to give her up. We also want to express our appreciation for her faithful service during her term of office. We count ourselves fortunate in getting Mrs. J. H. Nutt of Rosedale as her successor. Mrs. Nutt has served as Mission Study Leader in Second District for several years. She will be giving us some practical plans very soon.

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Every resident woman member of the church giving to Missions. In our 1935 Year Book, page 46, there is printed a list of Southern Baptist Churches in which every resident woman member made a contribution to Missions in 1933. Mississippi had record of only one—Parkway, Jackson.

We have heard from only one for 1934 and that is Gloster. We congratulate those women on this record. Hope there are others.

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The Lottie Moon Offering has gone beyond \$7,000. If you have finished your gleaning, send in your offering soon. We are anxious to reach the \$10,000 mark.

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Looking forward to seeing you at the Institute in January. Find the one nearest you and be present that day from 9:30 to 2:30.

Tylertown, Jan. 8; Meadville, Jan. 9; Utica, Jan. 10; Brandon, Jan. 11; Pascagoula, Jan. 14; Hattiesburg (5th Ave.), Jan. 15; Pachuta, Jan. 16; DeKalb, Jan. 17; Weir, Jan. 18; Columbus First, Jan. 19; Okolona, Jan. 21; Booneville, Jan. 22; Senatobia, Jan. 23; Marks, Jan. 24; Grenada, Jan. 25; Belzoni, Jan. 26.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

—o— Stewardship Declamation Contest 1935

Few projects have grown in favor and popularity as rapidly as the Stewardship Declamation Contest, delighting both the young participants and the admiring audiences attending the contests. Everywhere people speak of the value of the contest in teaching tithing and developing a real sense of stewardship. The declamations present stewardship of tithes and offerings, that the emphasis be clearly given this difficult phase of stewardship. Woman's Missionary Union understands that stewardship includes more than tithes and offerings but in the contest this is the theme.

The promotion of the contest is the joint responsibility of W.M.U. young people's leaders and stewardship chairmen. The W.M.U. director and local counselors will of course seek the enthusiastic cooperation of the pastor in promoting the church contest.

Sunbeam Band members will memorize either one of the two series of Scripture verses in the leaflet, *Scripture for Sunbeam Declamation*. (This will be in the Record next week).

Junior G.A.'s and R.A.'s each select one of the talks provided in the leaflet, *Stewardship Talks for Juniors*. This is memorized and presented in the contest. (This will be in the Record week after next).

Intermediate G.A.'s and R.A.'s select one of the following topics about which to write an essay on stewardship of tithes and offerings, which shall not exceed five minutes in delivery.

Topics for Intermediate G.A. and R.A.

1. Tithing Pays
2. Is the Money Ours or God's?
3. Non-Tithers' Excuses Answered
4. Obedience, the Master's Test

Where a G.A. or R.A. is not graded, enter the contest according to age, Juniors are 9 to 12, Intermediates are 13 through 15 years of age. A competitor continues in the division of contest first entered: i.e., a Sunbeam Band member winning in church and association but having a birthday before time for divisional or district contest, does not change to Junior Talks on stewardship but continues as Sunbeam competitor. So for other departments.

Y.W.A. members give an original talk not to exceed seven minutes in delivery, on stewardship of tithes and offerings based on one of the following topics:

Topics for Y.W.A.

1. Owners?—or Stewards?
2. My Partner's Portion
3. In Account with God
4. The Tithe—God's Preventive of Covetousness
5. "Rich Toward God" (Luke 12:20, 21)
6. Giving a Part of Worship (Deut. 16:16c, 17; I Cor. 16:2; Ex. 25:2; Mal. 3:10)

If a speaker exceeds the five or seven minutes limit in length of declamation he or she shall be penalized by deducting five from the judge's final grade, for each minute beyond the specified limit in time.

Miss Fannie Traylor

Baptist Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Traylor:

I have waited to write about the Home Mission books in order to be able to give you definite information. The Home Mission textbook for 1935 is *WINNING THE BORDER*, published by the Home Mission Board, price 25c. It is now on the press, and we expect to be able to ship to the book stores in a week or ten days. It is a study of the Mexican in the United States, has outlines for study and questions. We hope you will like it and that the women and young women will use it.

There will be a free booklet shipped to your office by January 10th to be sent out with the literature of the Week of Prayer. The title of this is *NO OTHER NAME*. It has outlines and questions and may be used for study, as source for supplementary program material for February home mission topic and in any other way the societies may wish. There will be no copies for sale, the only copies available being the ones you will send out from your office and the ones the Home Mission Board will send to each pastor in the South, this being the regular January issue of our Home Mission Bulletin.

We hope that the societies will use the text book as their study course book, and in that hope we have kept the price at the 25c level. We deeply regret not having *WINNING THE BORDER* on your desk January 1st but additional work with no additional help in this Department has made this impossible. It is a real victory that the book will be in your hands with so little delay. For those societies wanting books for study the first two weeks in January we have ample stocks of *KEYS OF THE KINGDOM*, *THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY*, *THE PEOPLE OF THE JESUS WAY* and *MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE*. We will not be able to have the Primary book ready for use before the Week of Prayer but we do expect to have it ready for use by the Convention in May.

A review copy of *WINNING THE BORDER* will reach you soon. We hope you will give wide publicity to its use. It presents one of our largest and most challenging mission fields and one that deserves careful and prayerful study.

Cordially yours,
Una R. Lawrence.

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In Clarke County Association there are 19 churches reporting 2,425 members. There were 84 baptisms last year, the largest number, 21, from Knight's Valley. All churches except one had revival meetings. Six churches did not observe the Lord's Supper. Every church has a Sunday school. Six churches have no B. T. U. Twelve churches have no W. M. U. Given to local causes \$11,377.61; given to all missions \$1,997.91. Ten churches gave to the Cooperative Program. Fourteen gave to missions in some way.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

Life's Great Moments

Every life has its great moments, times when the mountain was climbed and the vision was glorious. A number of these moments have been mine to enjoy and some moments too sad and sorrowful to linger in memory. One of the latter I will here mention.

When eleven years old to a day, soon after the golden sun had set behind the rugged hills to the west, I stood beside a humble bed in a preacher's humble home and watched as the lamp of life fast went out in the best man I ever knew. Needless to say this man was my father. His presence had been my inspiration, his words my comfort, his smile my delight. But now, just when a boy needed father most, he went away to return no more. For many long years I have never ceased to miss him and feel the need of him.

Up in the day before that awful night, father called us one by one to his bed and spoke consoling words to each one. How that pale face, lit with the gleam of heaven's glow, lingers still, and how those farewell words ring in the recesses of my heart! Being the youngest, my time came last. With a look of fond and tender affection on his face and a mellow sweetness in his weak voice, he said: "I want you to be a good boy and mind your mother." Soon he shut his eyes and his spirit went out to be with God. The darkest hours of life up to that time came to me then. Sadly and slowly we followed his body out to old Mt. Sinai Cemetery where his body sleeps yet. His fond memory and his parting words are as fresh as when he spoke those words many, many long years ago.

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Yalobusha Baptist Board

The fifth Sunday in December, 1934, the Executive Board of the Yalobusha County Baptist Association

met in quarterly meeting with Tillatoba Baptist Church. Moderator G. E. Denley presided, but Clerk T. T. Gooch had suffered an accident and could not be present. It was a very unfavorable day, so only seven of the 21 Baptist Churches were represented. Four of the pastors were present: J. B. Owens, J. H. Page, W. H. Lowrimore and R. L. Breland. The program was a special Sunday school program. Brother E. C. Williams, of the State Sunday School Department, was present and helped much in the program.

Those who took part on the program were J. O. Ellett, Miss Rubye Faye McKee, Mrs. Amos Johnston, E. C. Williams, Sellers Denley, Robert Burke, J. H. Page, J. B. Flowers. A Yalobusha County Baptist Sunday School Convention was organized with the following officers: J. O. Ellett, president; Sellers Denley, vice-president; Miss Lona Hooper, secretary-treasurer. It was a good day. The ladies of Tillatoba Baptist Church and town supplied a sumptuous feast at the noon hour. The convention will meet bi-monthly on Sunday afternoons, and will hold one all-day convention during the year. Three divisional captains were elected as follows: Miss Ruth McCormack, Miss Jessie Denley and Mrs. J. H. Page, with a fourth to be chosen later.

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The going of Pastor Cooper from Moorhead to Alabama takes another one of our good preachers away and another good church is pastorless.

Also the going of Pastor Clarence Palmer from Iuka Baptist Church takes another good worker off the field here. His future plans are not known by us. His recent article in the Baptist Record was sane and timely.

Rev. E. J. Hill, Memphis, who has recently given up the work at National Avenue Baptist Church, says in a recent letter: "My health is better than a year ago, am ten or twelve pounds heavier, and after a few weeks rest I hope to be able to do whatever the Lord wants me to do." It is time our brother is coming back home to Mississippi. Some good church or group of churches might get his services. His address is 3421 Faxon Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

At the urgent request of the church, Rev. J. H. Page decided to stay at Oakland, Yalobusha County, and will serve with Elam, New Hope and Pine Grove churches.

The writer began Jan. 1, 1935, to read the Bible through this year. Three chapters each week-day and five on Sundays will put you through. Twice since he began this column has he done this and quite a number joined him. Who will join in this year?

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S. S. ATTENDANCE JAN. 6, 1935
Jackson, First Church 860
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Jackson, Parkway Church 189
Jackson, Northside Church 90
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Brookhaven, First Church 596

Laurel, First Church 530
Laurel, West Laurel Church 461
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Laurel, Wausau Church 95
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Morton Baptist Church 152
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(Scott Co.) 167

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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

By Walter M. Gilmore

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Southern Baptists seem to be shut up at this time to the plan of the Hundred Thousand Club for paying the debts on their South-wide Boards and Institutions. It is the one plan that has met the hearty approval of the great masses attending the Southern Baptist Convention at its two last sessions. For eighteen months it has been operating effectively in reducing substantially these debts. The experimental state has been definitely and successfully passed already. It now remains for a sufficient number of our loyal Baptists to rise up in their might and complete this worthy and challenging task during January and February of this year.

With the momentum already gained and with the thorough preparation already made by Dr. Frank Tripp, the general leader, and his efficient staff we confidently believe that this can be easily accomplished in the two months definitely set apart by the Convention for this purpose. But, of course worthwhile results are never obtained by accident and without intelligent, sympathetic and persistent interest and effort.

The pastor is the most important factor in this problem. If he is interested in saving the good name of his denomination and in promoting the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth through the effective agencies which Southern Baptists have been using for many years he will see to it that this Hundred Thousand Club movement is not only presented to his people in a convincing way, but he will keep it before them until everyone in his congregation has had an opportunity to join the Club. We believe most profoundly in our Southern Baptist ministry and for that reason we be-

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That is our task. Southern Baptists made a wise decision when they decided to establish a great research hospital in the South's greatest city. It was wise as a Christian contribution to the scientific thought of the world in the field of service to the bodies of men; wise as a denominational measure for the furtherance of our faith; and wise as a step in the social and religious movements of the time.

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lieve this movement is going to succeed in a marvelous way this year.

It is inconceivable to this writer that sensible Baptists will be contented to continue paying enormous sums of interest money, more than \$300,000.00, on their indebtedness each year when they have a really good opportunity at this time of wiping out completely their debts and thereby forever stopping the interest money they are now compelled to pour into an insatiable sink-hole. Remember every dollar accruing from membership in the Hundred Thousand Club goes directly into payment of principal and not one penny goes to interest on debts.

With the handicap of debts removed, what stupendous opportunities for service Southern Baptist agencies would have at such a time as this when the chaotic world so much needs the message Southern Baptists have to offer. It would be nothing short of a tragedy if we should fail to redeem these swiftly passing opportunities to the uttermost.

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By the will of C. S. Shepard of New York the Presbyterian Mission Boards get \$13,000,000. Nothing unlucky about those figures.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by L. D. Posey

For Jan. 13, 1935

Jena, La.

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Subject: Peter's Great Confession. Golden Text: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Mat. 16:16.

Print: Luke 9:18-26; I Pet. 2:5-6. Time: Late in the fall of A. D. 29, about eighteen months after the lesson of last Sunday.

Place: Near Caesarea Philippi, in the northern part of Galilee.

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Introduction

The limited space of a religious newspaper, prevents a discussion of all the scriptures and truths connected with a subject such as we have in this lesson. The teacher in his classroom, will also find it hard to confine himself to the subject under discussion, because of the numerous questions knocking for admission. This should impress upon us the fact that every church ought to be open for at least one hour, six days in each week, for Bible study, with the pastor as teacher, so that the members might get a working knowledge of the great teachings of God's Word.

The reply of Jesus to Peter's Great Confession, like the week day of Christ's crucifixion, and of His resurrection, would never have been called in question, and formed the battle ground of theology through the ages, had it not been for Rome's misinterpretation and application and false assumption of this great but simple gospel truth. In the evangelical effort to offset papal falsehood, an equally incorrect interpretation, though less pernicious, has gone forth. Like the question of baptism. Because Jesus was immersed, some people seem to think every time "water" is mentioned in the New Testament, it has to do with baptism; hence, they read "baptism" into John 3:5. Likewise, because Christ is referred to in some scriptures as a "rock" or "stone," He is read into the answer of Jesus to Peter's great confession, as that upon which He (Christ) would build His (Christ's) church. Also, by this means it is sought to show that the church was not founded upon Peter, and that he was not the first pope.

It is quite noteworthy, that every time this scripture forms a Sunday school lesson, that the space for all the lesson helps, is devoted to a discussion of the reply that Jesus made to Peter's confession, and not to the confession itself. Mine is no exception to the rule.

But to the scriptures: One simple rule of interpretation, if it had been followed by teachers, would have saved the world of all this wrangling. What is that rule? Never read into a passage that which was not under discussion at the

time. They were discussing confessions concerning Christ; not that upon which he would build His church. Peter gave the correct confession; the one that correctly identified Christ in His relationship to God and His mission to the world. Let us see what that means: (1) "Son of the living God," puts Christ on equality with God; therefore, God manifest in the flesh; hence, Deity Himself. (2) "Thou art the Christ." "Christ" means "anointed." The definite article "the" placed before "Christ" in Greek, makes the expression emphatic. Many high priests and kings had been anointed, but by men. "The Christ" is emphatic, and means the One anointed of God, and for whom the Jewish world was looking as their Redeemer. All confessions, then and now, that left out any phase of these facts, were defective, and Christ could not use their confessors in building His assembly. Furthermore, any person then or now, who fails to see in Christ all that Peter's confession affirms, is a modernist, and a stranger to grace.

Since we are on disputed ground, let us examine it from another angle. In the New Testament, we have some history of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. We call him "Paul"; his letters we call "Pauline Epistles," because they emanated from him. In the incident under consideration, we have "Petros," Peter, meaning "rock." That which had proceeded from him was "Petrus," "rocklike or Petrine." With these facts before us, the reply Jesus made to Peter's confession literally means, and might read, "Thou art Peter, and upon this Petrine (confession) I will build my church."

Finally, in simple profane or secular literature, the answer Jesus made to Peter's confession would be recognized as a figure of speech known as "Metonymy," in which the speaker (Peter) is put for the thing (confession) spoken. Now at the end of each of these methods of investigation, we find the same fact; namely, that Christ would build His church of such material as could and would make confession like unto that made by Peter. Why? Because the facts stated by Peter in his confession had been supernaturally revealed to him. "Flesh and blood hath not, . . . but my Father." No one is ever saved until Christ has been supernaturally or spiritually revealed to him as the Son of God. Next, Peter had by experience realized that which had been revealed. Then he had publicly confessed it. Thus Peter's confession consisted of a supernatural revelation, an experimental acceptance, and a public confession that Christ is the Son of God. No New Testament church ever has, or ever will be founded upon any other confession. One that has already been founded, if endeavoring to

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keep pure, would reject any and all applicants lacking in any one of these elements of confession.

Peter's confession contains the foundation of all gospel preaching, the purpose of which is to bring men to where they can make confession like unto Peter's; then of such persons a church may be founded, "which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Peter's remonstration with Jesus just after he had made his great confession, shows the weakness of unregenerated human flesh though inhabited by a regenerated spirit. But thank God the time is coming when our bodies will be like unto the risen body of our Lord. Then we will have no more trouble with sin.

If you want something interesting to do next week, find the book, chapter and verse that tells exactly when and where Jesus founded His church.

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THE STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM AT PONTOTOC BAPTIST CHURCH

As was suggested the program for the "Student Night At Christmas" was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc on Sunday night, Dec. 30, 1934. With the pastor presiding, worship was begun with an organ prelude by Mrs. Harris followed by a hymn. The choir then sang "Zeal the Watchword," and the audience was led in prayer by James Penney of Mississippi College. The scripture was read by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Goodrich. Special music was a solo by Samuel Bigham of Ole Miss, following which the offering was



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Then the B. S. U. was presented as, "The Connecting Link," by the pastor's daughter, Thyria Goodrich of Blue Mountain College, and Rev. Robt. Ray of Miss. College. A short talk was then made on "What the B. S. U. Has Meant to Me and What the B. S. U. Has Meant to my College" by James Penny of Mississippi College.

This was followed by four other short talks: "Salvation and Christian Witnessing" by Samuel Bigham of Ole Miss; "Spiritual Dwarfs and Midgets" by Dewese Dunavant of Athens College; "Prayer and Bible Study" by Wayne Ferrell of Ole Miss, and "Dedication of Life and Substance" by Zelma Gray of Chickasaw College. The program was concluded by singing the hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord," and the congregation was dismissed with prayer by the pastor.

By James A. Penny.

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
JOHN R. SAMPEY, President

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"HONESTY IS THE 'CHRISTIAN' POLICY"

By Kathleen Mallory

W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary

Daily papers rather recently carried an article concerning a rare book which, though published 235 years ago, "forecast the most up-to-date virtues of citrus fruits." An infinitely rarer and far more ancient Book—the Bible—constantly reveals to its students "the most up-to-date virtues" of the fruit of upright living. One characteristic of this spiritually produced fruit is that of "faithfulness," and "self-control." This immediate challenge has arisen because of the piled-up debts of Southern Baptist and because of the denomination's effort to clear the Southwide debts through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

In the ancient Book, the Bible, it is repeatedly taught that a steward is expected to be faithful. Is it not clearly taught that a Christian will be faithful? Those who loaned money for the erection of Southern Baptist buildings or for other Southwide causes were definitely promised the full payment as the notes fell due. To fail to keep these promises is contrary to Christian faithfulness.

Clearly does the ancient Book teach that Christians must constantly exercise self-control. Southern Baptists are at present being tested in this respect, the vital question being: "Will they refrain from self-indulgence, thus saving enough to be faithful in paying their debts?" Dr. E. P. Alldredge, the statistician of the Sunday School Board, clearly shows that last year there was much self-indulgence on the part of Southern Baptists: for instance, the most conservative estimate of the minimum average income of Southern Baptists is \$300.00 a year, which could mean an annual tithe of \$30; last year the average Southern Baptist gave to all religious causes, both local and otherwise, only \$5.63.

Dr. Alldredge further shows that last year only one-third of the denomination's membership gave anything to other than local causes and that those who did thus give to missions and benevolences averaged only \$2.52 per person for the entire year, making a daily average per person of .0069 which was less than a penny a day. Remembering also that two out of every three members did not give even the "chipped off" penny per day, what think you of Southern Baptist faithfulness and self-control? The Chinese constantly think and speak about "saving one's face!" The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is indeed such a "saver" not only in regard to the paying of over-due debts but also in the light of the above-mentioned low daily average of giving.

The minimum idea of the Club plan is \$1.00 a month, which means a daily average of over 3c, which in turn is nearly five times as much as Southern Baptists now average each day for missions and benevolences. The success of the Club will thus mean a five-fold lifting of the denomination's low

average, the doing of which would abundantly justify the Club's existence.

However, its primary purpose is not to lift averages but to lift debts! Roger Babson, who has been called "the Spirit of Jesus is the spirit of honesty, courage and service." The ancient Book says: "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). To paraphrase: "Have this Christ-like spirit of honesty, courage and service." Familiar is the proverb: "Honesty is the best policy," the higher principle as stated above being that honesty is the Christian policy. Certainly Southern Baptists are being "watched" to see if they will manifest this spirit of Christ by honestly paying the denomination's debts.

Trite but decidedly true is the saying that every big thing is the accumulation of many small things. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is founded on this principle, its aim being to enroll members one by one and to have each member pay month by month. Individual responsibility and individual helpfulness are thus emphasized and depended upon. One member paying only one dollar per month may seem a small basis but one dollar monthly payments mount up to twelve dollars a year. One hundred thousand members would thus "amount" to "1,200,000" annually! Surely in the eyes of the business world—and maybe also in the sight of God—Southern Baptists would be appraised as showing an honest spirit toward the cancelling of their denominational debts if they would annually reduce them by \$1,200,000.

How many members does the Club have in your class or department? As intimated above and as constantly evident in your organizational life, the whole depends upon its parts. There are 21,784 Sunday schools reported by the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C., the combined enrollment being 3,069,484. Estimating that only one-third may be adult members and then estimating that only one-third of the adult members contribute to Southwide causes, there would be over 341,000 adult S. B. C. Sunday school students to whom the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club may look for its members. Doubtless the vast majority of its present membership is composed of such Sunday school students but it is certainly true that the Club has not yet enrolled its coveted 100,000 members. Prospects for its enrollment are unquestionably in the adult department of your Sunday school. If only one-third of your membership thus joins the Club it will be a big help even though the actual number may be small. "Despise not the day of small things" but please enroll members one by one in the Club, having as your high ideal the enrollment of the largest number possible from your Sunday school. Thus you and they will make a big contribution to the Club's effort to have Southern Baptists prove that they have the Christlike spirit of honesty.

The quotation from Roger Babson refers also to the courage of Christ. Courage is certainly needed by

each and all who in Kingdom devotedness undertake to enroll members in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Perhaps the chief hindrances are: (1) economic unrest; (2) the average person's attitude toward denominational responsibility; (3) the fact that the Club's effort is solely in behalf of debts. A re-study of the economic conditions in New Testament days will prepare you to meet hindrance number (1), because in the midst of dire poverty Jesus commanded the widow's gift of her all, appreciated Mary's alabaster offering and set forth the principle of "giving good measure, pressed down, running over"! Hindrance number (2) is far harder to combat because it is ingrained human—but not spiritual—nature. The *Christian Advocate* is quoted as showing that the average American citizen with an income of \$5,000 or more gives less than 2 per cent to religious and philanthropic causes, at the same time putting about 34 per cent into savings and other investments. Since not many whom you will urge to join the Club are ranked among such investors, you may take courage, remembering that every Christian is more or less spiritually minded and may thereby be appealed to from the spiritual rather than the human attitude toward religious responsibilities. This "weapon" will likewise help in overcoming hindrance number (3), for certainly there are many really splendid Christians who find little if any joy in contributing toward a debt-paying campaign. In approaching any such Christians in your Sunday school, it will help you to remember that Roger Babson recalls also that the spirit of service is characteristic of Jesus and you may in all honesty tell the hesitant friends that a very large

part of the investments, which have piled up these Southwide debts, are yielding large returns in Kingdom work at home and abroad. It is not like paying for something that perished with the using: it is paying for equipment, buildings, etc., that have already exerted, and will continue to exert, a great influence in the winning of souls and in the training of preachers, missionaries and other Christians.

Therefore, emulating the Spirit of Jesus we shall want increasingly to have "the spirit of honesty, courage and service." The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club will enable us to "grow in this grace also." If your pastor does not have the Club's membership cards and explanatory literature, you can readily obtain them by sending your address on a postal to the General Leader, Dr. Frank Tripp, care of Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, St. Joseph, Missouri. The membership pledge is made for only one year at a time, the general plan being the payment of \$1.00 per month.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

I wrote you last week from Memphis, and am now at home, after an absence of six days. How did you all enjoy Christmas? The weather wasn't so fine, but that can't have much effect on us when we are with those we love, can it? I have had Christmas cards from some of you, among them a pretty one from our friend, Ernest Clark, of Star. Then, a few days ago, there came to me a box from the Orphanage from two little girls, Leona Adams and Cornice Tallant, Sarepta, Miss. They had fixed it up with candy and chewing gum, pencils and tablet, to go to the Orphanage. When the box, addressed to me at the Orphanage, got there, I couldn't be found there, because I don't live there, but twelve miles away, here at Clinton. So it was sent to me, and I and the Head-of-Our-House opened it, and then I fixed it up again, pretty and Christmassy, and he took it over the next morning to the Baptist Home for Children. That box did some traveling, didn't it? We are sure Leona and Cornice enjoyed very much getting it ready, and also sure those to whom it finally was given enjoyed it too. Thank you, girls.

About our Bible study. We are not nearly through with Joseph's very interesting life, and I find by looking carefully at the remainder of it that we can finish his life and the book of Genesis in twelve more lessons. So I have decided that we will give one more quarter, January, February and March, to the story of Joseph and his brothers, and his father. You will see the list of the lessons below, and the first story of the New Year, 1935, with the questions about it, which I hope some of you are answering at home. Beginning with April, we will take another subject for study, and I shall be glad if you will help me to choose it.

Bible Study Lessons from January to April

- No. 1, Jan. 10, 1935. Joseph Detains His Brothers. Gen. 44:1-15.
- No. 2, Jan. 17th. Judah Tells Their Story. Gen. 44:16-34.
- No. 3, Jan. 24th. Joseph Makes Himself Known to His Brothers. Gen. 45:1-15.
- No. 4, Jan. 31st. The Return to Canaan. Gen. 45:15-28.
- No. 5, Feb. 7. The Removal to Egypt. Gen. 46:26-34.
- No. 6, Feb. 14th. Joseph Presents His Father's Family to Pharaoh. Gen. 47:1-12.
- No. 7, Feb. 21st. The Famine Oppresses Egypt. Gen. 47:18-27.
- No. 8, Feb. 28th. Joseph and His Old Father. Gen. 47:27; 48:7.
- No. 9, March 7th. Jacob and Joseph's Sons. Gen. 48:8-22.
- No. 10, March 14th. Jacob Bids Farewell to His Sons. Gen. 49.
- No. 11, March 21st. Joseph Mourns for His Father. Gen. 50:1-13.
- No. 12, March 28th. Joseph Shows His Love to His Brothers. Gen. 50:14-26.

Bible Study No. 1: Jan. 10, 1935

Joseph Detains His Brothers

Gen. 44:1-15

After the feast, Joseph told his house steward to fill the men's sacks with food, all they would hold, and put every man's money in the top of the sack, and to put in the top of the sack of the youngest, Joseph's, a silver cup. So the house steward did so, and when morning light had come, the men were allowed to start on their journey. But when they were just out of the city, Joseph sent after them, and asked why they had returned evil for good, when they had

stolen the cup of his lord, who had been so kind to them. They replied that that would be the last thing in the world that they would think of doing, that they had brought back the money that had somehow gotten into their sacks the last time. Would they be likely to steal silver or gold out of his lord's house? If the cup was found in any man's possession, he should die, and the rest of them would be his lord's slaves. But the servant said that it wasn't so bad as that: if one of them had taken the cup, let him be a slave, and the rest of them should be clear. Humidly they lowered all their sacks to the ground, and the steward began with the oldest one's sack and went through all to that of Benjamin the youngest, and there in Benjamin's sack lay the silver goblet! Tearing their clothes in distress, they got on their asses and went back to the city. They came soon to Joseph's home, where he still was: they flung themselves on the ground before him, showing how dreadfully they felt about the matter. Joseph said to them, "What sort of a thing is this that you have done? Didn't you know that I am a sort of a prophet?"

Questions

1. Had Joseph's brothers forgotten, during the long time that had passed, twenty years, the wrong they had done when they sold their young brother, Joseph? Gen. 42:21, 22.
2. Did they love their young brother, Benjamin?
3. Were they willing to make Jacob suffer again as he had when Joseph was taken away?
4. Could they have let Benjamin become a slave, and gone home to their father?
5. What did they do? Gen. 44:13.
6. Why did they tear their clothes?
7. Do you think they showed they were changed men, since they sold Joseph, and grieved their father?

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THE DEBTS—THE PLAN—

A SUGGESTION

By Mrs. F. W. Armstrong,
President W. M. S. of the
Southern Baptist Convention

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It has been said so often that we have almost come to believe that debt paying is not a pleasant thing. Now it is true that debts are not pleasant, but if our personal experiences has taught us anything at all, if our observation has added anything to our knowledge of human-kind, if we have any sense of honor, of self-respect, we know verily that if debts are then debt paying is vastly satisfying, is a truly happy experience. We know that paying debts lifts morale, restores courage, renews confidence in one's ability to meet and conquer difficulties. There is no denying that paying debts contributes tremendously to individual and society good. Debt-paying has this ethical

aspect which does make it really pleasant.

Ever since the debts of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention began to be burdening there has been much discussion about them. Do they constitute a real obligation upon individual members of Southern Baptist churches? How shall we ever pay them and still carry on the work of the agencies, each dear to our hearts in differing degrees depending upon our peculiar interests? These and other phases of the whole matter have been widely discussed. Various plans have been tried with indifferent success.

We are convinced however that this discussion and the struggles we have made to find a way through the difficulties have produced in our Baptist life certain definite and wholesome effects. There has come a more pronounced unity of thought and purpose concerning the debts, with less disposition to repudiate certain of them. There is a wider recognition of our obligation to meet the debts of the existing agencies of our Convention. Confidence has been established that never again will there be an accumulation of great debts. Full presentation of the nature of the debts has helped to inform our entire constituency of the vital far-reaching work of each of the agencies. Each and all of these things has led to a deeper loyalty to these agencies in the hearts of many more of our members. They are no longer separate boards and institutions promoting their own separate and distinct task, but the names for carrying on our united comprehensive work, promotion of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Southern Baptist agencies have become peculiarly our agencies, yours and mine as individual Southern Baptists, avenues for the expression of our Christian love and life, as it reaches out to places we cannot touch with our own definite personal Christian activity. We are convinced that many of these wholesome attitudes would have come much more slowly but for the uniting power of the debt problems.

Various individuals and groups among us have advanced plans for paying the debts that have elicited some response. Finally the Hundred Thousand Club was adopted by the S. B. C. upon recommendation of its Executive Committee as the debt paying plan. It is simple, it promises a far greater measure of success than has attended any plan yet tried and it is working effectively even now. Its promptness in accomplishing its purpose depends wholly upon the speed with which its full quota of members is enlisted and (we dare express the hope) multiplied. January and February,

NEED BUILDING-UP?



Mrs. T. E. Adams of 1205 No. Franklin St., Plant City, Fla., said: "I was in such a weakened state of health I could scarcely stand on my feet. I suffered from loss of appetite, and I was as miserable as could be—did not feel like lifting my hand to do anything. But Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery soon had me feeling fine—my appetite returned, I gained in weight and strength and was able to attend to my household duties without feeling all worn-out." All druggists.

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1935, has been designated as the time of special effort to enroll new members, in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Each pastor and church will plan how best to present the Club and secure members. Experience of those who are already members will help others to know that it is possible to make certain sacrifices to pay the dollar a month without reducing the regular gifts that support all denominational causes. Certainly there are many people who are not giving adequately to whom the present success of the Club will make an appeal that will lead them to join. To many people the fact that every dollar applied on debts releases money that must otherwise be devoted to interest to apply on current work will be a drawing appeal. To each of us the fact that through this plan it is expected that the debts can be paid and that by it the burden may be shared will lead us to do all we possibly can by joining ourselves and getting others also to join the Hundred Thousand Club.

The success of the January-February enlistment effort rests on pastoral leadership and prayerful, enthusiastic, cooperative support on our part as members of the churches.

B.T.U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	132
Jackson, Calvary Church	144
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	270
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	193
Jackson, Parkway Church	79
Jackson, Northside Church	28
Jackson, Parkway Church	77
(Dec. 30)	248
Columbus, First Church	203
Quitman, First Church	100
Clarksdale Baptist Church	119
Morton Baptist Church	64
Springfield Baptist Church	63

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Baptist Training Union

Aim—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary

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The Baptist Training Union and the Hundred Thousand Club

So much has been written giving information with regard to what the Hundred Thousand Club is that we hesitate to discuss that phase of it, however for fear that there may be one who needs this information we give a few suggestions here. We Southern Baptists, back when money was plentiful and when our Boards and institutions were receiving large sums, a progressive program was inaugurated. Soon afterwards the years became lean and the money that had been hoped for to finance this new progressive program was not received. This made it necessary for all Boards and institutions to borrow money and thus incur debts that they have not been able to pay. Seeing that something had to be done, the Southern Baptist Convention, at the request of Dr. Frank Tripp, started the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. The plan is to get one hundred thousand Baptists to pay one dollar a month, subscribing annually, every dollar to be applied to the principal, nothing to go to interest, hoping in five years to rid Southern Baptist institutions and Boards of debt.

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Pontotoc County Associational B. T. U. Holds Annual Banquet

In the dining room of the Pontotoc Baptist Church on the evening of December 21st there gathered representatives from 8 churches in their second annual Baptist Training Union Banquet. The table was decorated in the B. Y. P. U. Colors, green and white, and in addition to a splendid meal a splendid program was enjoyed. President Boland presided and saw that everything went off on schedule. The organization expressed its appreciation of the fine cooperation Bro. Goodrich had given during his pastorate at Pontotoc and expressed regrets at his leaving the county, he in turn said that they could show that appreciation by enlisting folks to subscribe for the Baptist Record. Plans are in the making for an associational B. T. U. Training School for next July.

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Jasper County Associational B. T. U. Has Complete Setup

Jasper County with J. H. Myrick as Director of the Baptist Training Union is organized and ready to run the race with all other associations for first place in the state. As director Mr. Myrick assumes the role of Leader of the Senior and Adult Unions, Miss Jewel Stringer of Stringer the Junior Leader, and Mrs. Johnnie Bogan of Rose Hill as the Intermediate Leader.

Mr. Henry Gatewood of Bay Springs is Associate Director, G. W. Pippin of Moss, Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas James of Bay Springs, Chorister, and Miss Waldroup of Louin as Pianist. Mr. Myrick is doing his best to develop an interest that will beget wholehearted cooperation, and is visiting the unions and helping in every way possible in developing their efficiency. Already plans for a number of study courses are in the making with Montrose recently completing one.

Every Senior and Adult Union was supposed to have received a copy of the 1935 Calendar of Activities at the meeting of the Associational B. T. U. the first Sunday in January. If your union did not receive one and you want one please drop us a card and it will be sent.

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Do you have these dates marked on your 1935 calendar?

State B. T. U. Convention, Clinton, May 29-June 1st.

Baptist Assembly, Hattiesburg, July 7-12.

Southwide B. T. U. Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest, N. C., July 28-August 3rd.

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THIS AND THAT

By M. E. Dodd, President, Southern Baptist Convention

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Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Maddry stopped in Shreveport with us for a brief over-night visit on their way to San Francisco where they sail on a visit to our missions and missionaries in the Orient.

I laid before Dr. Maddry my impressions of our mission work in China and Japan. He has a high, broad conception of the missionary enterprise. I was thrilled through and through as he talked of the principles, policies and plans which he has in mind for our work.

He has some momentous tasks and problems just ahead but nothing is too hard for our God. Wisdom and grace will be given. I wish to request all of our pastors and people to pray for these friends of Christ as they go out upon this mission.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Weatherspoon will join them in San Francisco. It is very fine that Dr. and Mrs. Maddry will have these delightful traveling companions and that Dr. Maddry will have the wise and understanding fellowship and counsel of Dr. Weatherspoon.

It is my deepest and most earnest prayer and hope that all of our pastors and people in the homeland will give themselves more wholeheartedly than ever before to the spiritual message and mission of Christ.

I wish that each city, association or section might have a great Spiritual Life Bible Conference such as has been planned to be held in Shreveport, January 20-27. Such conferences in which Bible exposition, doctrinal and devotional discussions have the supreme emphasis are vastly important and can render untold service.

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OCEAN SPRINGS

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Last Sunday was a helpful day in the work here and also in the associational work as far as the fifth Sunday meeting at Pascagoula is concerned. We had 108 in Sunday school and 42 in the B. T. U. at Ocean Springs. The Elementary Department under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. Barnes, opened its bank to see what the birthday and free-will offerings of the quarter which ends with today, 31st, had brought in. The offering was for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Since the Sunbeam

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Band is combined with the work of the department, the amount of \$7.35 has been sent in for that special offering. The children during the quarter had the offering kept before them as information about the need of the work in China among the little children was brought to them from time to time. All were happy. The best program yet in our fifth Sunday meetings was had last Sunday. Not so many churches were represented, but the spirit was fine.—J. E. Barnes.

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Tit for Tat

"So you and those neighbors are not on speaking terms any longer?"

"No; all diplomatic relations have been suspended."

"How did that come about?"

"He sent me a box of axle grease and told me to use some of it on my lawn-mower when I started it at six in the morning."

"Then I sent it back and told him to use some of it on his daughter's voice when she sings at 11 o'clock at night."

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A minister named Jordan had a son attending college. Just before his final examination the father asked his son to let him know how he got on. One day the father received a telegram: "Hymn 254, verse 5, in the last two lines." After puzzling for a while the father turned to the hymn and this is what he found: "Sorrows vanquished, labors ended, Jordan passed."—Baptist Courier.

Southern Baptists Are Paying Their Debts

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"The launching of the Hundred Thousand Club brought new hope and new faith to our missionaries and to our people in the churches; but it brought also new confidence and new hope to our bankers. During these twenty months, the Foreign Mission Board has received a total of \$58,811.20 to be applied on the debts of the Board."

C. E. Maddry, Exec. Secy.

HOME MISSIONS

"The Home Mission Board is depending on the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club to retire the principal of its debt. The \$37,744.28 already received and the possibility of receiving sufficient funds with which to retire the principal of our debts within the next five or six years has been the determining factor in securing the consent of creditors to an extension of time."

J. B. Lawrence, Exec. Secy.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

"If our Baptist people could know what inspiration has come to our boards and seminaries from the money received month by month through the Hundred Thousand Club they would count it a privilege to have a part in this wonderful movement. The Seminary has received to date \$33,800.70 toward its indebtedness."

John R. Sampey, President.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

"The success already achieved has put a new radiance, a new hope, a new encouragement, a challenging spirit of conquest in the hearts of the institutions involved. Southwestern Seminary has already received \$26,590.14. We are grateful be-

If you love Home and Foreign Missions; if you are interested in a trained and educated ministry; if you want to have a part in healing broken bodies; if you still love our great denomination and want to save it from the stigma of bankruptcy, join the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club yourself during this campaign and then present it to your friends and fellow church members in an earnest effort to enroll them.

FRANK TRIPP
GENERAL LEADER

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yond words for what it has done for us and we are singing a song in our hearts for what it will do for us in the future."

L. R. Scarborough, President.

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"We have received \$18,702.98 from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. This has given us new standing with our bankers and bondholders, and new courage and hope in the great task committed to us here in the training school and mission field. We are confident that our Baptist people will not only be determined but eager to go on with the movement which is so increasingly successful."

W. W. Hamilton, President.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans has been a participant in the funds of the Hundred Thousand Club for a year, and the amount received from the Club—\$3,454.45—has greatly cheered our hearts and furthered our efforts to pay our capital debt as the bonds matured. We have paid all interest and principal, 100 cents on the dollar, on each maturity date."

L. J. Bristow, Superintendent.

AMERICAN SEMINARY AND EDUCATION BOARD

"The Seminary for negroes located at Nashville is participating on a small percentage basis but is receiving money every month. The Executive Committee has been able to refinance the old Education Board bonds largely because of the income from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. \$10,478.03 has been received by both agencies up to November 30, 1934."

MEN AND THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB
By Dudley R. Isom,
Shreveport, Louisiana

The Southern Baptist Handbook of 1934 startles one with some amazing facts concerning Southern Baptist men. There are four million, one hundred and seventy-three thousand, nine hundred and twenty-eight Baptists in the Southern Convention, eight hundred and twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and ninety-six of whom are men ranging from twenty-one years of age upward. The author of the Handbook claims there are five hundred and eighty thousand, or seventy per cent, of these men who are unenlisted and practically lost to the cause of Christ. Herein, my friends, is the reason for our present condition of churches, institutions, boards and agencies. Our great and grave problem is a man-problem. An enlisted manpower over the Southland will banish our moral, spiritual and financial problems into nothingness just as sure as we live and breathe today. Concentration on and prayer for the enlistment of our Baptist men should be uppermost in our thinking, innermost in our hearts and outermost in our actions at the present moment. The enlistment of one-tenth of this half million Baptist men would guarantee the success of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

If our present problem is a man-problem let us seek a means of solving it. There must be a solution and I sincerely believe the following five steps will lead us out, bringing victory to the whole cause and success to the special causes:

1. ORGANIZATION. Organization is essential to success in any known undertaking. Let the recognized leader of the church call his men together and suggest an organization, a permanent organization. Let this organization be as much a part of the work in that church as any other one sponsored by the church. By no means should the men be led to believe that such an organization is being perfected solely to raise money. The main business of the organization should be to enlist those unenlisted men of the church and seek to provide programs that will tend to develop them for larger Christian service. Of course along with the ordinary procedure of development special attention could and would be devoted to the outstanding denomination interests, such as the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. With the organization of the men in the church the chances of the promotion of the Club are one hundred per cent better.

2. ENLISTMENT. What a challenge! Seventy per cent of our men unenlisted. Use the organization to enlist these unenlisted. There is not much chance to interest an unenlisted Baptist in giving a dollar to a cause that is foreign to his heart. Enlist that man, interest him in the work and then try selling the Hundred Thousand Club. If the unenlisted man is carefree about his local church program and its indebtedness surely it is lost motion and time to try interesting him in

liquidating the indebtedness of Southern Baptist Boards and Institutions. Let us get the cart behind the horse by first enlisting the indifferent and unenlisted men through organized effort and then tell him about our Hundred Thousand Club plan.

3. INFORMATION. Why must I give a dollar each month to a cause of which I am totally ignorant? The summary of the whole matter is, I WILL NOT. I must first have information. Are we paying for a dead horse? How did these debts get that way? Who was responsible for them? Did any good come out of them? Does work still go on as a result of them? Could we have made the progress we have without this indebtedness? Let us give the facts to our men as they assemble in their organization. Let us do it in an unapologetic manner, with the assurance of a more conservative program in the future. Let us show how the payment of these debts will save an amount equal to the principal, in interest, over a period of some twenty years. In other words, let us put on a little salesmanship talk that will prove the worth of such a special cause. Organize the men, put on an enlistment program, inform them and then promote the cause.

4. PROMOTION. Now the church has everything in readiness for promoting all regular and special causes. The men are now ready to promote the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and any other proposition the church favors and the pastor desires.

5. DEVELOPMENT. Why save a man and not save his life? When man's soul is saved, some measure should be taken to save his life. God does everything up until the time man finds salvation, then it should be that man do all possible to show his appreciation of salvation. The reason that seventy per cent of our men are lost to the cause is that we have been top-heavy in evangelization. I do not advocate letting up on evangelization, but I do advocate the mighty importance of developing that life after the soul has been saved. Not enough attention has been paid to the development of our men. We have led them to Christ and let them drift away from service. Organize the enlisted men of the church and through them seek to enlist the unenlisted. Now inform them denominational and promote the church and denominational programs and special interests. This is a process of development that will enrich the lives of men and prepare them for a more sympathetic support of the church and denominational program

and make it far easier to secure that "over and above" for the liquidation of Southern Baptist debts. With the united cooperation of our Southern Baptists in the above enlistment program there should be added fifty thousand new men members to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club during the months of January and February 1935.

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THE HOUR FOR VICTORY STRIKES

By Austin Crouch

January and February, 1935, are momentous months for the Southern Baptist Convention. These months have been set apart for making the second intensive campaign for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. These two months will mean victory or—for the Club. Victory can so easily be achieved that I hesitate, yes, I refuse to write the alternative.

Two months is a short time for so important an undertaking, but two months is time enough to reach the goal, if—. If what? Why, if all who are really interested in the payment of Southwide debts will just get busy—enthusiastically busy—that is all that is needed. Certainly, I assume that there are enough Southern Baptists interested in the welfare of the causes fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention to put the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club "over the top" in a glorious way. If this assumption is correct, then all that is needed is to make a united charge at the zero hour, January 1st, and then push right on to victory by February 28th.

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mental. The success of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement will mean a new day for Southern Baptists. It will mean relief from burdensome, depressing debts. It will mean the end, in a short time, of the tremendous waste of money expended for interest—some three hundred thousand dollars a year. It will mean a new thrill of power coming from a denominational task fully done. It will mean paeans of victory instead of dirges of defeat. Victory lies within the power of Southern Baptists to achieve. Will they? They can if they will. God grant that they may, to the glory of His name!

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Newton D. Baker says civilization was by the world war set back from ten to fifty years. There are some losses that will never be recovered.

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The preacher selected for the sermon before the Northern Convention in June at Colorado Springs is Rev. G. A. Clarke of Brooklyn; alternate Dr. J. H. Franklin, President of Crozer Seminary.

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One committee to report to the Northern Baptist Convention is to find out the average age of active attending members in 150 or more churches. They want to know what has become of the young people. Have you missed them in your churches?

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Mrs. J. A. Lee, now in Clayton, Mo., writes: "The way Mississippi Baptists are going after the debts does my heart good. I pray their zeal will know no abating, and that all our debts will be paid and God glorified."

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One hundred years ago there was one Baptist to every 31 people in the United States, now there is one to thirteen. Just turn the figures around from 31 to 13. Those Baptists of the past must have been of the right sort to propagate so fast.

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A Sunday school teacher was telling a class of girls the story of David and Goliath. One of them ventured to ask how long ago that was. The teacher replied nearly 3,000 years. Whereupon one of the girls answered, "You certainly have a good memory."

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The Watchman Examiner of New York sends forth the distress signal that 10,000 new subscribers are necessary if the paper is to continue its mission. It is indeed a "national Baptist paper," and its existence is a necessity if Northern Baptists are to carry on their work. The distress of the Watchman Examiner is evidence that the discontinuance of state papers and their merging into one organ is no solution to our paper difficulties.

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The Durant Baptist Church, last Sunday installed its officers for the year 1935: C. S. Crider, H. E. Cooper, J. D. Cooper and Sylvan Boyette were ordained deacons, making a group of fourteen active deacons. The pastor outlined the objectives for the year and appointed seven junior deacons: F. W. Criss, J. C. Sproles, J. J. Gilmore, M. D. Baine, Jr., Clark Stevens, Albert Brown, Jr., and Charlie Ray. Much interest is being manifested and the work is moving on in a very splendid way under the leadership of the new pastor, W. R. Haynie.—Reporter.

Last week we said that W. L. Compere of Moorhead had been called to a church in Montgomery. Of course we meant W. L. Cooper.

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It is said that in Russia under the Tsar there were only 3,000,000 people in school; now there are 27,000,000 and the number growing.

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Einstein is a Jew and not a Christian, but he is quoted as saying recently, "The Christian religion will be the salvation of Germany."

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Toyohiko Kagawa, whom some have described as the world's outstanding Christian will probably spend the three spring months in Australia.

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First Church, New Orleans, celebrated Pastor's Huff's ninth anniversary with a four-day revival. The pastor preached Sunday, Dr. R. G. Lee on Monday and Tuesday and Dr. M. E. Dodd on Wednesday.

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We have received a letter from Pastor L. L. Burnett of Jackson, Mich., begging to differ with recent statements of Dr. P. E. Burroughs as to the identity of beliefs of Northern and Southern Baptists. He says that what Southern Baptists believe to be heresies are constantly taught and practiced by Baptist churches in his section. As a protest against this condition the church of which he is pastor affiliated with the Illinois Baptist Association which is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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I am writing to wish the editor and the entire Record force A Happy and Prosperous New Year. You are giving us a great paper. I especially enjoy the editorials. You will find enclosed my check to care for my subscription for the year 1935. You may expect a list of renewals and subscriptions from the old First Church in the near future. Our committee will be working on this matter through the month. Our meeting which closed on December 17th will be far reaching in its influence. Dr. George W. Ragland of Lexington, Ky., is a mighty expounder of the Word.—Thos. F. Harvey, Pastor.

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There is no need for us preachers to complain about this being a material age. If it is so it is up to us to correct it. We must correct it by putting the emphasis on the spiritual in our own lives. And we must preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Preachers need to guard against the love of money and the love of ease just as much as other people do, and maybe a little more. We are here to be "an example to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity." I Tim. 4:12. How much time do you spend with God each day? Religion is sold by sample. If you sell by sample you don't have to pay a sale's license.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Memphis in May. The Northern Baptist Convention meets in Colorado Springs. Next year the churches of St. Louis want both Conventions to meet in that city.

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The Lord says, "Prove me now herewith"; give him a trial. A Presbyterian church in Roanoke, Va., badly in debt and getting worse was persuaded by the pastor to try tithing for three months. They did, and in three months all bills were paid and there was money in the treasury. Give the Lord a trial.

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The following quotation is taken from the "Osservatore Romano," a Roman Catholic paper, published in Rome, in the issue of April 21, 1934. The present pope says: 'Outside the Catholic Church there is no Christianity * * * it is so purely in name, and that a usurped name. It is rather paganism to be condemned ever from other points of view than from the purely religious * * * It is easy to show that outside the Catholic Church there is nothing either Christian or religious.' Well, that's that. There is one thing to be said in favor of the Catholics, and that is they talk in a language one can understand.

—Religious Herald.

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Dr. S. C. Mitchell, head of the History Department in Richmond University (he is a native of Mississippi, and a son-in-law of Dr. John A. Broadus) has been appointed head of the Virginia State Board of five to settle labor disputes. It is said of him: He is not only a distinguished scholar but a pronounced liberal, working constantly for economic justice and industrial democracy. Speaking before the ministers' conference of Petersburg the latter part of November, he referred to the Tennessee Valley project as one of the most important developments of modern times, and declared that its foes were contemporaries of Noah in their social and economic outlook.

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The First Baptist Church, Winnfield, La., is putting on a Bible conference February 11-15. Secretary Katz of the State Board has secured Dr. J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary of Mississippi, for this conference and is furnishing him to us gratis. In planning this conference, we have in mind especially the preachers of our parish and adjoining parishes. We are hoping to reach a large number of them. We hope, also, to have a large number of our own people in this conference. We expect to have three speakers and teachers during the conference, two visiting brethren and the pastor. The second speaker has not been secured at this writing, but will be shortly. The program is in the process of preparation and will be announced in the near future.—Yours cordially, B. C. Land, Pastor.

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We had unusually good services in the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, every Sunday in December. On the first Sunday, our deacons had charge of the morning service and led in a most helpful service. On the second Sunday, President Holcomb of Mississippi Baptist Woman's College was the speaker, and the college octet, under the direction of Mr. Martin, gave an inspiring program in music. On the third Sunday, Dr. Geo. W. Leavell was with us and spoke on his work in China. On the fourth Sunday, our choir gave a Christmas program in song at the morning service, and a Christmas pageant was given at the evening service. On the fifth Sunday, our college and high school students had charge of the evening service.—G. C. H.

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The First Baptist Church, Biloxi, has an interesting and most inspiring program for 1935. The first outstanding number on the program is a School of Missions which is to begin on the second Sunday in January and continue through the following Friday night. Leading in this School of Missions will be Dr. and Mrs. George W. Leavell of China, brother Jacob Gartenhaus, of Jerusalem, who is now Southern Baptist Missionary to the Jews, and probably one other missionary. We wish the brethren from all parts of the state could come to Biloxi for this week and sit with us daily at the feet of these great missionaries as they teach us and tell us about the Lord's work in other lands.—G. C. H.

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